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Peter Shilton gives his comments on the Nottingham Forest v Manchester City tie inside.

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DERBY COUNTY versus BIRMINGHAM



CHARLIE GEORGE

'A CLEAR-CUT VICTORY'

'Derby are playing so well at the moment we don't fear any club in the Football League. It would not have worried us whether we were drawn at home or away.

I know Birmingham beat us 3-1 at St. Andrews earlier this season, but to be honest that was a freak result. We were so on top of our opponents and we had 90 per cent of the game but we still managed to lose.

We obviously respect the Birmingham players. In particular the talented Trevor Francis. Terry Hibbitt and Keith Bertschin are also doing a good job for the club.

At the helm, they have the former England manager Sir Alf Ramsey. But with due respect I'm afraid it won't make the slightest difference when Saturday comes along.

I can see only one result — and that is a clear-cut victory for Derby County.'

JIM CALDERWOOD

'DISAPPOINTED — BUT WE'LL WIN'

'The lads at Birmingham are naturally disappointed that we weren't drawn at home to Derby County. Having said that we will still push them very hard.

In recent seasons, we have travelled to the Baseball Ground and generally played well. We seem to be a good bet for a draw rather than actually winning there.

The one player who really impressed me when we met earlier this term at St. Andrews when we won 3-1 was Gerry Daly. He was in superb form and we will have to keep a close eye on him again this time. Another of their dangermen is obviously the talented Charlie George.

But we have the men capable of upsetting Tommy Docherty's side. Yes, a 1-1 draw with City going through after a replay.'



ARSENAL versus WOLVES



WILLIE YOUNG

'CAN'T SEE US BEING BEATEN'

'We'll win at the first attempt! The way the lads have been playing in recent weeks I can't see us being beaten.

I must admit, I wasn't too worried about the draw against Wolverhampton Wanderers as long as it was a home fixture.

No disrespect to Wolves, but we would rather play them than the likes of Man. City or Nottingham Forest. We'll beat them in the later stages of the competition.

We've played Wolves twice this season, a 1-1 draw at Molineux and just a couple of weeks ago, winning 3-1 comfortably at home.

This game wasn't a personal triumph for myself. I put Wolves back in the game, scoring an own-goal when we were two-nil up.

After our brilliant display against Sheffield United in the previous round, I can just see a win for The Gunners.'

JOHN RICHARDS

'UNDERDOGS THIS TIME'

'It'll be nice meeting up with my old friend Alan Sunderland once again, who was transferred to Arsenal — our opponents on Saturday.

I would have liked an easier draw, perhaps a home game against a club from a lower Division.

We were fortunate to beat Exeter 2-0 after a replay in the last round. The first match was a typical Cup-tie, with the underdogs trying to pull off a giant-killing act, and it nearly came off.

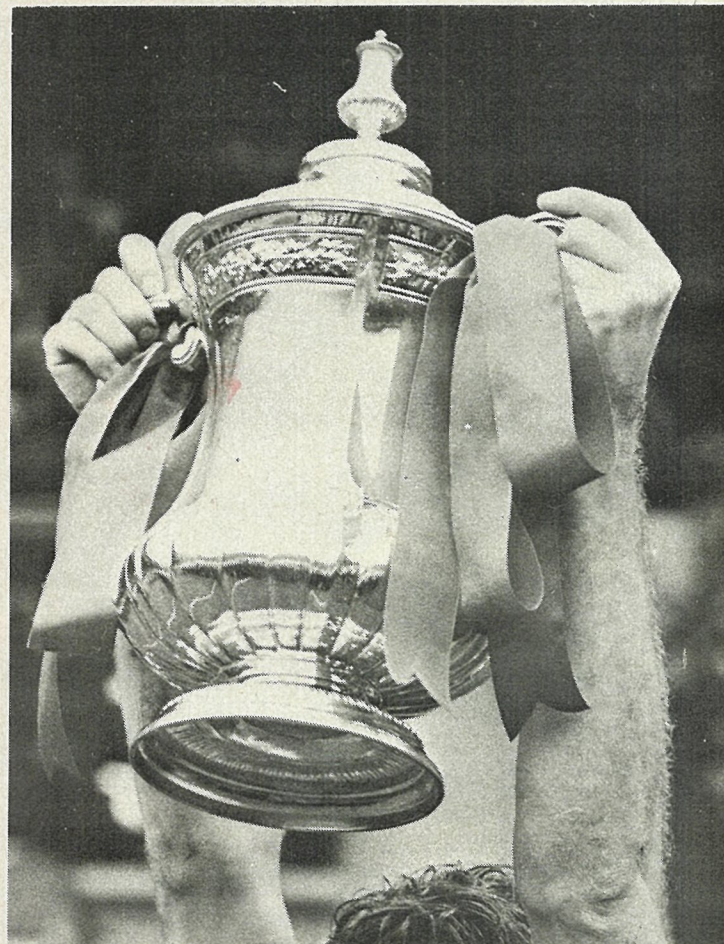
The Arsenal tie is certainly going to be difficult. In a way, we're the underdogs this time because The Gunners are in tremendous form, we are expected to lose.

We at Molineux are going to take this game as it comes, and try and earn ourselves a replay, and of course, go on to win a place in the next round.'



For the Fourth Round of the F.A. Cup, to be played on Saturday, January 28th, we selected what we consider to be the most interesting ties. Players from each team reveal their Cup hopes and fears . . .

SIX OF THE BEST



OTHER FOURTH ROUND TIES . . .

Brighton v Notts County
Stoke City v Blyth
Spartans
Newcastle v Wrexham
Orient v Blackburn
Man. United v W.B.A.

Bristol Rovers v Southampton
Walsall v Leicester
Millwall v Luton
Bolton v Mansfield
Ipswich v Hartlepool

CHELSEA
versus
BURNLEY



RON HARRIS

**'MUST FANCY
OUR CHANCES'**

'After our tremendous victory against Liverpool in the Third Round, we must fancy our chances against anyone.

A home draw in any Cup competition is an added bonus so we look forward to the visit of Burnley to Stamford Bridge with relish.

We must not be complacent, however. Although Burnley are struggling near the foot of the Second Division we have got to be in the same frame of mind as we were in the previous round against Liverpool.

Mind you, we came down with a bang when the following Saturday we were still on cloud nine we travelled to Coventry City for a First Division game.

The Sky Blues brought us right down to earth with a severe 5-1 hammering at Highfield Road.

But, with the right attitude I can't see us being beaten by Burnley.'

PETER NOBLE

**'TERRIBLE
DRAW FOR US'**

'I think it is a terrible draw for Burnley. Chelsea will be really cock-a-hoop after their tremendous 4-2 victory against Liverpool in the last round.

Although we've picked up useful League points in recent weeks, every game has been like a Cup-tie so we have not had time to relax.

Another thing against us is whenever we play at Stamford Bridge, we always seem to play well but we never get the right result. But the F.A. Cup is a great leveller and it all depends on how things go on the day.

A ray of hope came for us when Coventry beat Chelsea 5-1. Let's hope they haven't recovered from that.

Realistically, we must travel to London and hope we can produce the goods. Who knows, we could pull off a surprise!'



NOTTM. FOR.
versus
MAN. CITY



PETER SHILTON

**'HAPPY TO
PLAY CITY'**

'The most you can hope for in the Cup is to be drawn at home, and this is the second home tie in a row for us.

I'm happy that we're playing a good side, too. It can be better than facing a smaller team who can be a surprise quantity.

Swindon weren't expected to give us much trouble in the last round but they played very well and for half an hour or so were the better team.

We know City are going to be a difficult side to beat, but we won 2-1 at our place in a League match earlier this season. It was a late goal by Peter Withe that gave us the points but I think we deserved to win.

We know it will be difficult, but feel that you've got to overcome good teams if you want to win a Cup competition. As I say, we are delighted to be at home — but I'm not making predictions.'

DENNIS TUEART

**'WON'T PLAY
FOR A REPLAY'**

'That's six First Division clubs on the trot in the F.A. Cup for us! I'm beginning to think they don't put our number in that little bag anymore.

It's become a joke among the lads now. We look to see the best team left in a competition and say 'We'll get them next.' We said we'd draw Forest after beating Leeds.

I hope I'm not the fellow who's caused all this bad luck because it seems to have been happening ever since I arrived — not just in the F.A. Cup either. We were beaten in last season's League Cup by Aston Villa, who went on to win it, and in the U.E.F.A. Cup by Juventus, who went on to win that.

There's no chance of us playing for a replay, so if we lose at Forest, you'd better get some money on them. Not that we expect to lose.'



WEST HAM
versus
Q.P.R.



BRYAN ROBSON

**'LIKE THE
CUP FINAL'**

'West Ham won the F.A. Cup in 1975 after beating Q.P.R. 2-1 at Upton Park in the Fifth Round. People look for good omens . . . I hope this proves a happy one for us.

Although West Ham usually do well against Rangers I would have preferred a non-League or lower Division team at this stage.

Still, a home draw and a London derby must be to our advantage. The atmosphere will be tremendous. Just like the Cup Final.

Like The Hammers, Rangers have been having a tough time in the League and need a good Cup run to keep the season alive.

With this in mind, I expect the tie to be hard and tight. But West Ham have put their game together more over the past month or so.

A forecast? A win for The Hammers, by 2-1.'

JOHN HOLLINS

**'STOP BONDS
AND BROOKING'**

'Matches between our two clubs are generally very entertaining, open games, so this Fourth Round F.A. Cup-tie has all the makings of a classic.

The two players who make them tick are skipper Billy Bonds and Trevor Brooking. So Rangers must find a way of making them less effective.

Mind you, that's easier said than done. You can think you've got Trevor in your pocket. Then, bang, he finds his form and destroys you.

How to stop Billy? Perhaps there'll be a flu bug about!

Seriously, they seem to have the edge over Rangers in the League, but we did beat them 2-0 in the League Cup at Upton Park last October.

Obviously, I'm hoping for a similar result this Saturday. Whatever happens I'm confident of at least a draw.'



M'BORO
versus
EVERTON



DAVID MILLS

**'BOGEY TEAM
THIS SEASON'**

'A tremendous result in the last round against a very unimpressive Coventry City side has boosted our confidence. We got off to a good start by scoring an early goal.

I'm very pleased with the home draw against Everton, even though the Goodison Park club have been a bogey team to us on our ground this season.

We lost 0-3 in the League and were also beaten in a League Cup replay.

We went to Goodison, played extremely well and were very unlucky not to have won. Their keeper George Wood had a great game. He saved everything that came his way. But, that's football. A 2-2 away draw wasn't a reward for our efforts. We blew it in the replay.

Everton will be more worried about us, they know we can play, and I'm confident of us winning, even if we have to replay at their place. We'll win that, too.'

ANDY KING

**'MIXED
FEELINGS'**

'We must have played our best football of the season in our 4-1 victory against Aston Villa in the last round, especially in the first-half.

If we carry on with that sort of form, I'm confident of us going through.

When I heard the draw, I had mixed feelings. But I'm sure with the players we have at Goodison we can overcome any problems.

The atmosphere within the club is incredible since the arrival of manager Gordon Lee. And when we're on form I believe we can beat anyone.

A Cup-tie is different from a League match, you only have one bite at the cherry.

I'm not going to predict the score, but I'm confident of us winning at Boro. And a tie against my former club Luton in the next round would be very nice.'





STARS BACK ANDREW'S CAUSE

TEENAGER Andrew Harper had a busy December going round hospitals, Children's homes etc with famous players giving out over £2,500 worth of Footballs and Teddy Bears.

The goods have been bought from manufacturers' donations. Some of the stars that have taken part include Gordon Hill, Dave Thomas, Duncan McKenzie, Trevor Francis, Don Masson, John Richards, Mike Channon and Andy Gray. The players dressed up in Santa Claus outfits and really looked the part.

Andrew collects old newspapers to pay the postage, travelling and administration costs of his project, this ensures that not less than 100 per cent of donations are devoted to the sick and handicapped. Andrew's costs this year will exceed £300.

He receives many encouraging

letters from firms he writes to for donations and during the last month firms who are impressed with his letters have offered him employment.

This isn't the first time Andrew has organised such events, he has been to over 60 hospitals with well over 100 international footballers. He reckons he could pick a team capable of winning the World Cup from the players who have freely given their services to this worthy cause.

Andrew does not support a particular team, he closely follows the progress of all the players who take part in his scheme.

He would like, through SHOOT, to say a very big thank you to all the players who have helped him in the past.

SUPREMO GILES

JOHNNY Giles has accepted a contract to guide the Republic of Ireland through the European Championship and the 1982 World Cup.

The contract is worth a minimum £25,000, making him one of the poorest paid international managers!

Up to now Giles had only control of the full international squad, but in future he will be in charge at all levels except youth football.

He has the right to appoint his own staff and obvious candidates are present trainer Alan Kelly, and qualified coaches Ray Treacy and Eamon Dunphy, who are with him at Shamrock Rovers.

In a statement to the Press, Giles stressed the need for more friendlies, with the Republic of Ireland programme planned two years in advance if possible.

DESPITE some spirited performances this season and remaining among the Championship contenders, Dundee United have still not found customers for all the 1,000 season tickets they offered for sale at the start of the season at the same price as last season.

Dundee has a population of nearly 200,000 and two senior teams. But in a cracking 2-2 draw against Partick Thistle at Tannadice in mid-December, only a 6,000 crowd turned up.

● **DOUGIE WOOD**, the much-travelled wing-half now wears the red of Shelbourne. Dougie, from Northern Ireland, has sampled a few of the League of Ireland clubs, the latest of whom were Athlone Town.

● **Former Wolves, Brighton, West Ham United and Northern Ireland striker Bertie Lutton** is now starring in Australian soccer with the South Melbourne Hellas outfit.



MAN FOR ALL POSITIONS

DUNDEE'S Billy Williamson (dark stripes) must surely be on the way to creating a "play in any position" record this season.

So far he has occupied seven positions in the Dens Park side since he moved across the road from Tannadice in August.

Manager Tommy Gemmell brought Williamson from Dundee United to strengthen his team's promotion bid to the Scottish Premier Division. For the record Billy has worn jerseys number 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8 and 10 with half a season still to go!

DECEMBER MOVES

Trevor Anderson (Swindon to Peterborough)

Brian Bithell (Stoke to Wimbledon)

Roy Carter (Hereford to Swindon)

David Cross (West Brom to West Ham)

Roger Davies (Bruges to Leicester)

Steve Gardner (Ipswich to Oldham)

Jim Giles (Charlton to Exeter)

Graham Horn (Kettering to Southend)

Ernie Howe (Fulham to Q.P.R.)

Billy Hughes (Derby to Leicester)

Jeff King (Derby to Walsall)

Ian McDonald (Mansfield to York)

Mark McGhee (Morton to Newcastle)

Mike Larnach (Clydebank to Newcastle)

Frank Munro (Wolves to Celtic)

David Needham (Q.P.R. to Nottm F.)

Peter Osgood (Southampton to Philadelphia)

Joe Royle (Man. C. to Bristol C.)

Eddie Rowles (Darlington to Colchester)

Alan Waldron (Bolton to Blackpool)

Gary Wood (Kettering to Notts Co.)

Gordon Jago released by Millwall to become chief coach to Tampa Bay Rowdies.

Theo Foley, Millwall coach, appointed acting manager but resigned a few weeks later.

George Kerr sacked as manager of Lincoln C.

Willie Bell (ex-Birmingham) appointed manager of Lincoln.

Jimmy Lawson appointed manager of Halifax.

Richard Dinnis, ex-Newcastle manager, appointed coach to Philadelphia Furies, with Gordon Clark (ex-Fulham) as his assistant.

Roy McGrohan, Luton coach, appointed coach to Detroit Express.

Ronnie Allen resigned as manager West Brom A. and appointed manager-coach to Saudi Arabia.

Roger Hynd, ex-Walsall, appointed manager of Motherwell.



Gentle persuasion

WELL, using medieval stocks is one sure way of stopping Manchester City and England winger Peter Barnes.

These two uniformed lovelies used them to halt him long enough to attract a crowd to their stands at a recent careers exhibition in Manchester.

They just grabbed him firmly by the collar and locked up his famous legs.

Peter didn't mind too much since it was all in a good cause. Besides, W. P. C. Jilie Evans (23) from Lincoln and Holloway Prison nursing sister Ruth Hall (26) were far gentler than First Division defenders.

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY'S F.A. Cup Second Round defeat at Wigan was the first time they have been knocked out of the competition by a non-League club for 57 years — since 1919-20 when Darlington, then members of the North-Eastern League, put them out in the First Round (equivalent of today's Third Round).

Following Uncle Eric

CHRIS WOODS, an 18-year-old goalkeeper with Nottingham Forest, has an added incentive to do well in the game — his great uncle, Eric Houghton, played for Aston Villa, Notts County and England.

Swineshead-born Chris would like to emulate that by making it at League level and also appearing for England.

Young Chris has certainly made a bright start, having won England honours at schoolboy and Youth level.

Derby, Arsenal and Sheffield Wednesday all had connections with him before he linked up with Forest. He actually appeared for Derby reserves.

His ability to bounce about in the goalmouth has been helped by his prowess as a basketball player. He won Lincolnshire honours at Under-15 and 16 level.

KEVIN ARNOTT, the 19-year-old Sunderland midfielder who already celebrates a year of first team service, has another pet love other than the Roker side — and it's hot rivals Newcastle!

"I always like to see Newcastle play. I like to see them doing well — but not as well as Sunderland, of course," says the Bensham-born prospect.

THE SUFFERING ALMOST OVER FOR NISH

AFTER a nightmare 18 months David Nish is fit and ready to start enjoying a new lease of life at Derby County.

The ex-Leicester and England full-back (right, white strip) has been cruelly affected by a knee injury and has suffered on the sidelines so long that now he can hardly believe he's ready for regular first team soccer again.

David is also thrilled at The Doc's determination to put the club right back at the top of the tree.

With the arrival of quality players such as John Middleton, Steve Buckley, Don Masson and Bruce Rioch, Dave is convinced County are moving in the right direction.

"Like many others I was dumbfounded when Bruce was allowed to move to Ever-

ton. The man is class.

"His qualities are manifold when he is on the pitch. He never shirks responsibility, is cool and displays tremendous vision."

David is also delighted Charlie George has signed a new three year contract, dispelling rumours he was about to leave the club.

"Charlie and I are on the same wavelength, and I think he is a genius. His hat-trick against Coventry at the beginning of the month (Jan.) was sheer magic."

With a midfield trio of Masson, Rioch and Gerry Daly, and a back-four from Nish, Todd, Langan, Buckley and McFarland, Derby County look like a club on their way back to the big-time.



FRANK'S GOALS

ARSENAL are hoping Frank Stapleton's (below) goals will be as valuable in 1978 as they were in the first-half of the season.

The fact is the Dublin-born striker was a scorer in six games — and his club, pushing for the title, won them all — at home to Nottingham Forest (when he scored twice), West Ham and Leicester and away against Manchester United, Newcastle and Coventry (another two-goal show).



IRELAND'S Champion Flat-race jockey Wally Swinburn is a former Koppite who still follows Liverpool's fortunes as closely as possible. So, when he was booked to ride in India this winter, he immediately placed an order for the Liverpool sports papers to be flown out to him every week.

Half-term report

WIMBLEDON, who completed the first-half of the season with a 3-3 home draw with Doncaster, made the worst start of the three clubs elected to the Football League in the 1970's.

From 23 matches, The Dons, who replaced Workington, took 18 points and were 21st of the 24 teams in the Fourth Division.

In 1972-73 Hereford were on the 24-point mark and went on to gain promotion, immediately after replacing Barrow.

Cambridge, who edged out Bradford in 1970, had 20 points to show for their first 23 League games, and finished the season with 43 points — only four points clear of a re-election application.

All the evidence suggests Wimbledon needing a second-half revival. Hereford's 1972-73 example should help them . . . they were tenth at the halfway stage, then took 34 points for their last 23 matches to go up as runners-up to Southport, accompanied by Cambridge and, on goal average, Aldershot.

CHRIS HENNEY, Orient's up-and-coming midfielder, is a youngster with quite a fair bit of experience of the Brisbane Road scene.

He was selected for the Orient reserves when he was still a schoolboy.

Actually, his biggest successes so far have come as a schoolboy. He represented Newham District, Essex and London at that level.

NEWS DESK

COMPILED BY PETER STEWART

Happy Mellor

FORTUNES have taken a sudden change for the better for the former Fulham goalkeeper, Peter Mellor, now turning in brilliant displays for Third Division Hereford United.

A couple of months ago, News Desk reported Mellor was shocked when Fulham granted him a free transfer, but gave him only three weeks to find a new club. Mellor, Fulham's goalkeeper in the 1975 F.A. Cup Final, had fallen out of favour when Gerry Peyton arrived from Burnley.

But since signing for Hereford, Mellor's career is looking rosy again: "I'm really enjoying my football here," Mellor told us.

"There are some very good players in the Third Division and, as well as playing, I'm coaching Hereford's youth players, which is great experience. The area itself is beautiful and we've managed to buy a fabulous 17th century house. Things couldn't be better."

CELTIC manager Jock Stein has been appointed a part-time member of the Scottish Sports Council. Mr Chris Anderson, vice-chairman of Aberdeen Football Club, is the council's new vice-chairman.

Former Hearts' star, Donald Ford, has left the council on completion of his period of appointment. The SSC is responsible for the development of sport and the allocation of grants to sports in Scotland.



BIRMINGHAM CITY manager Sir Alf Ramsey had a nice tale to tell at the end of the Birmingham v Chelsea thriller at St. Andrews on December 31st, which Chelsea won 5-4.

Sir Alf said: "A supporter stuck his head around the City dug-out and criticised me for taking off 17-year-old Kevin Dillon (above) who had been playing so well."

"But Kevin was absolutely shattered after playing in the heavy Christmas programme and I decided to give him a rest."

"At the end of the game I looked for the fan so Kevin could tell him personally why he had been taken off. But the chap had already left."

There was a happy ending to the story. Two days later Kevin scored the first goal in Birmingham's shock 2-1 victory at Old Trafford against Manchester United.

'NO MAGIC~

RAY CLEMENCE
talking soccer

FOOTBALL isn't always a glory game. At times it can be downright inglorious — as I was agonisingly reminded at Stamford Bridge in the Third Round of the F.A. Cup on January 7th.

I've helped carve some magical achievements on the Anfield Roll of Honour — such as two Championship and U.E.F.A. Cup doubles, one F.A. Cup win and the European Cup triumph of 1977 — but on that black Saturday I was part of a team that broke a proud tradition.

For the first time in 12 years, we were knocked out of the Cup competition first time out!

And, make no mistake, we got what we deserved. No excuses. We'd lost our magic — we were tragic!

Chelsea were by far the better team that afternoon, thoroughly deserving to go through to the next round.

Our dream of emulating Manchester United's feat of reaching Wembley and winning the Cup after suffering a defeat the previous season, lay in ruins around us as we trooped off defeated and dejected.

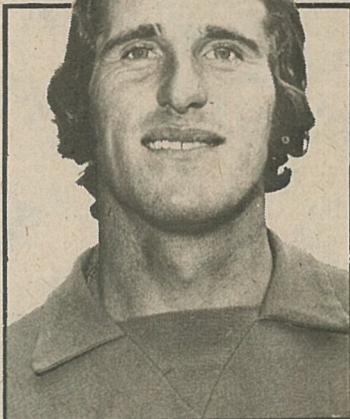
Only a handful of our players had lived up to their reputations.

At a Press conference afterwards, our manager Bob Paisley said we'd gone into the match with sawdust in our heads. We were out-thought and out-fought.

Liverpool's success has been built on team-work, and we just didn't function as a unit.

Normally we prevent other sides from settling into their rhythm of play, but this time we allowed Chelsea to hustle us and stop us getting organised.

Our defence has the reputation of playing it tight, giving few goals



away. We were often caught in a disorganised rabble. Chelsea took advantage of four bad errors and punished them by putting the ball into our net each time.

They must have felt it was Christmas all over again!

I was the first culprit. Their winger Clive Walker cut in and let go with a mighty shot on the run which I thought was going wide. Instead the ball curved into the top corner of the net.

I'm convinced I could have saved if I had realised the ball was "on" the goal.

One-goal down at half-time wasn't a disaster. After a good talking to from Bob and his assistants we went out confident of getting the goals we needed. For although Chelsea were operating well up-front, they were definitely vulnerable at the back, and we planned to put the pressure on.

Little did we know further shocks were in store!

Within five minutes we had conceded two sloppy goals and the sign



Clive Walker (left, light socks) blasts in Chelsea's first goal past Ray Clemence. Everton's Andy King (below) jumps for joy after putting his club 1-0 up v. Aston Villa.

of doom lay on us!

Both were the result of trying to play ourselves out of trouble when we lacked our usual composure. Better to have copied their defence and just booted the ball away.

Their second goal came after we had needlessly conceded a free-kick on the edge of our box. The ball, only partly headed out, was driven smartly past me by their sub, Steve Finnieston.

Barely two minutes later a defensive mix-up presented Chelsea with another goal. Phil Neal, playing at left-back, tried a back-pass to me, with their Tommy Langley between us. Without hesitating he swept the ball past me at an angle.

Our luck was certainly right out. Normally from such an angle the ball goes harmlessly outside the far post. This time it struck the inside of

the post and went in.

Even then things did not seem beyond hope. A Dave Johnson goal with half-an-hour to play inspired us to go for a draw at least. Their defence still looked very unsettled.

So what happened? We gave another soft goal away. The ball was crossed to Bill Garner at our far post, Bill rounded Phil and I positioned myself to deal with a blasting shot.

Instead, Bill played it across to Walker who ignored two of our players and volleyed into the net for his second, and Chelsea's fourth, goal.

That was the killer blow. Lack of time alone was against us staging a comeback. Although we did score a second goal, from a back-header by Kenny Dalglish, to make the scoreline look a bit respectable.

Liverpool's Goalkeeping

THE imposing 6' 4½" frame of Steve Ogrizovic gives him the appearance of a cartoonist's typical Eastern European salt-miner.

But Steve, the latest product of Chesterfield's goalkeeping academy, is regarded by Liverpool as the long-term successor to England's Ray Clemence.

His meteoric rise began at the start of the season, when he was a

non-contract player without a League appearance to his name.

Steve, the nineteen-year-old son of a Yugoslav immigrant, resisted the temptation to continue as a full-time policeman and opted to concentrate on his goalkeeping.

He immediately captured Chesterfield's regular goalkeeping spot, a position previously occupied by players of the calibre

of Gordon Banks, John Osborne and Alan Stevenson.

After Ogrizovic conceded only 17 goals in his first 18 games, Bob Paisley bought him for £70,000, doubled his wages and stressed he had a valuable part to play in maintaining Liverpool's sequence of success.

Understandably, Ogrizovic's rapid emergence leaves him "Breathless, shocked to say the

least. Joining Liverpool is my life's dream fulfilled. I had only seen them on television, and like everybody, respected and admired them.

"I have tremendous respect for Ray Clemence. He is the finest 'keeper of them all, and as he has not missed a game for five years I am aware of the task that faces me."

His father's nationality gives

'I thought Clive's shot was going wide'

WE WERE TRAGIC'

had done for this first goal, and centred the ball to someone better-placed — mark him down as one of England's most promising prospects.

I wish The Blues the best of luck in their home draw with Second Division Burnley. On form they should beat our Lancashire neighbours, but in the Cup form can be a notoriously bad guide, as our result proves.

I noted several other very interesting ties as I listened to the Fourth Round draw being made on my radio.

Several involve First Division sides playing each other. Most won't be happy about the situation, preferring sides from lower Divisions, but no doubt their fans are looking forward to the ties.

Pride of place must go to Nottingham Forest v. Manchester City. The gates will be locked a half-hour before the kick-off, I should imagine.

City did tremendously well in knocking out Leeds United at Elland Road, and probably felt justified in thinking they couldn't get an even harder draw in the next round.

I've a hunch City could come away with a draw, but Forest have been going so well away from home, I expect them to reach the Fifth Round.

In the all-Midlands clash between Derby and Birmingham, I take Tommy Docherty's Rams to win a game of few goals.

The London derby between West Ham and Q.P.R. could go The Hammers' way, as they appear to be the more settled side.

In every round there's at least one shock, and I nominate Walsall to become giant-killers by beating Leicester City.

Middlesbrough players must have groaned when they heard their pairing with Everton, who pulled off a sensational win over Aston Villa, their conquerors in last season's marathon League Cup Final.

Boro have problems, particularly at the back where they have continuously switched between Cuff and Platt in goal, and Everton's front-line should prove too big a handful for them.

There could be another upset at Old Trafford, where visitors West Bromwich Albion could knock out Cup-holders Manchester United.

I must give a mention to those valiant lads from non-League Blyth Spartan, who play in their "Wembley" against Stoke City at the Victoria Ground. They've done marvellously to get this far, but the odds must be on Stoke, who should establish some sort of club record at least by reaching the Fifth Round without meeting a League side. They beat Tilbury in the Third, remember.

Meanwhile, what will Liverpool be doing while all this Cup action is going on about us? Possibly we'll be playing a rearranged League match.

Otherwise, we'll be taking a break.

I'll take my wife and children into Wales for the weekend. Plus my portable radio so I can savour all the dramas and discover whether my predictions have come true — for a change.

One consolation — Liverpool are still in with a chance of winning the League Cup!

All the best —

Ray Clemence

And so we were out of the Cup, members of a Liverpool side that had ended a proud record of successfully reaching Fourth Rounds.

Full credit to Chelsea. They caught us on an off day, and with their enthusiasm — and without experienced stars Ray Wilkins and Mickey Droy — had given us a humiliating day to forget.

Clive Walker rightly earned the man of the match tag with his impressive display. His level of skill, his acceleration, shrewd football brain, and readiness to take responsibility — many other players would have been reluctant to shoot as he

'Everton had a sensational win'

Giant in Reserve

Ogrizovic dual international qualification, but he adopts a cautious note when looking at the future: "Time is on my side, and at Liverpool I can only go on learning."

The only problem he has experienced since the move is remembering to duck when he goes through doorways at the club. A bump on the head is a regular punishment for not

stooping.

Steve is the League's lankiest goalkeeper — half-an-inch taller than Manchester City's Joe Corrigan and with traditionally dry Scouse wit the Anfield staff have christened him "Tiny".

Paisley, his new manager, comments: "Steve has potential if he keeps his feet firmly on the ground — and he better do that or he will be banging his head on the

crossbar!

"I could have signed a more experienced goalkeeper more cheaply, but we like to get the best from the point of potential.

"Steve will have to bide his time, as did Ray when he was on his way to the top.

"At Anfield we are always looking to step up our reserves of talent, and he will play a useful part in the future."

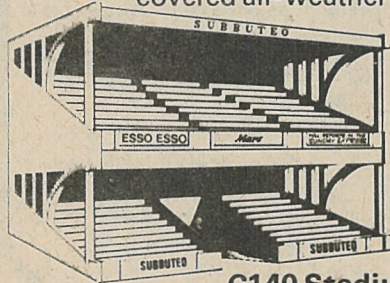


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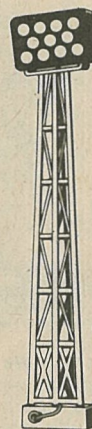
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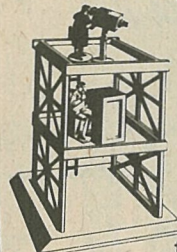
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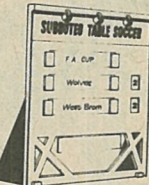
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**A way to save Third and Fourth Division
clubs valuable time and money ...**

SPLIT THE COUNTRY

-NORTH AND SOUTH!

BACK in 1958 when it was decided to merge the old Third Division (North) and Third Division (South) making Third and Fourth Divisions, there was a good deal of novelty in sides from the North and South playing one another.

Some of the prophets of doom grumbled it did not make economic sense and the increased travelling expenses would put clubs out of business.

Well, they may have been exaggerating their prejudices, but they were somewhat long-sighted as well.

Today noises are still being made on the same lines, and indeed there is talk in some quarters of a return to the old system.

It just does not make economic sense of course for Hartlepool to make a journey to Torquay, when a Divisional split would require them to travel no farther South than say Crewe.

People argue any system such as this requires a good deal more organisation, especially if three clubs from one region or the other were to be relegated from the Second Division, and three from the other promoted.

There will always be points on both sides to any good argument, but when it comes to financial matters clubs in the future may have to decide on one fundamental issue — survival. Then there will be no question.

Although most footballers will

tell you they enjoy playing in different areas of the country, it has to be said supporters of clubs in the lower Divisions are less likely to travel 150 miles than they are 30 or 40 miles.

Clubs like Exeter, Torquay, Carlisle and Darlington are at such extreme points they find it very difficult to keep travelling costs

down. Overnight stays are often inevitable and the cost of making a journey prohibitive for most supporters.

It's amazing that since 1958 the balance between Northern and Southern clubs in the Third and Fourth Divisions has been retained almost perfectly.

The current Third Division is

NORTH

Barnsley
Bradford City
Bury
Carlisle United
Chester
Chesterfield
Crewe Alexandra
Darlington
Doncaster Rovers
Grimsby Town
Halifax Town
Hartlepool
Huddersfield Town
Lincoln City
Preston North End
Rochdale
Rotherham United
Scunthorpe United
Sheffield Wednesday
Southport
Stockport County
Tranmere Rovers
Wrexham
York City

SOUTH

Aldershot
Bournemouth
Brentford
Cambridge United
Colchester United
Exeter City
Gillingham
Hereford United
Newport County
Northampton Town
Oxford United
Peterborough United
Plymouth Argyle
Portsmouth
Port Vale
Reading
Shrewsbury Town
Southend United
Swansea City
Swindon Town
Torquay United
Walsall
Watford
Wimbledon

almost split down the middle between Northern and Southern clubs, while the Fourth Division contains 13 clubs from the North and 11 from the South.

With the slightest shuffling we came up with the following separation which could form the basis for new Third Divisions (North) and (South) conveniently forgetting that three of these clubs will be happily elevated to Second Division status at the season's end.

Without doubt such a scheme would lead to complaints of robbing clubs of attractive fixtures, on the other hand it would increase the number of 'Derby' matches.

On the crucial matter of saving money you could take Torquay as an example of a club who would benefit considerably.

Instead of visiting Darlington, Hartlepool and Grimsby — all very long trips — they would have comparatively short toddles to Plymouth, Exeter and Hereford.

Yorkshire fans would be offered derby matches between Barnsley, Bradford City, Doncaster, Halifax, Huddersfield, Rotherham, Sheffield Wednesday and York.

It would be a similar story in the South.

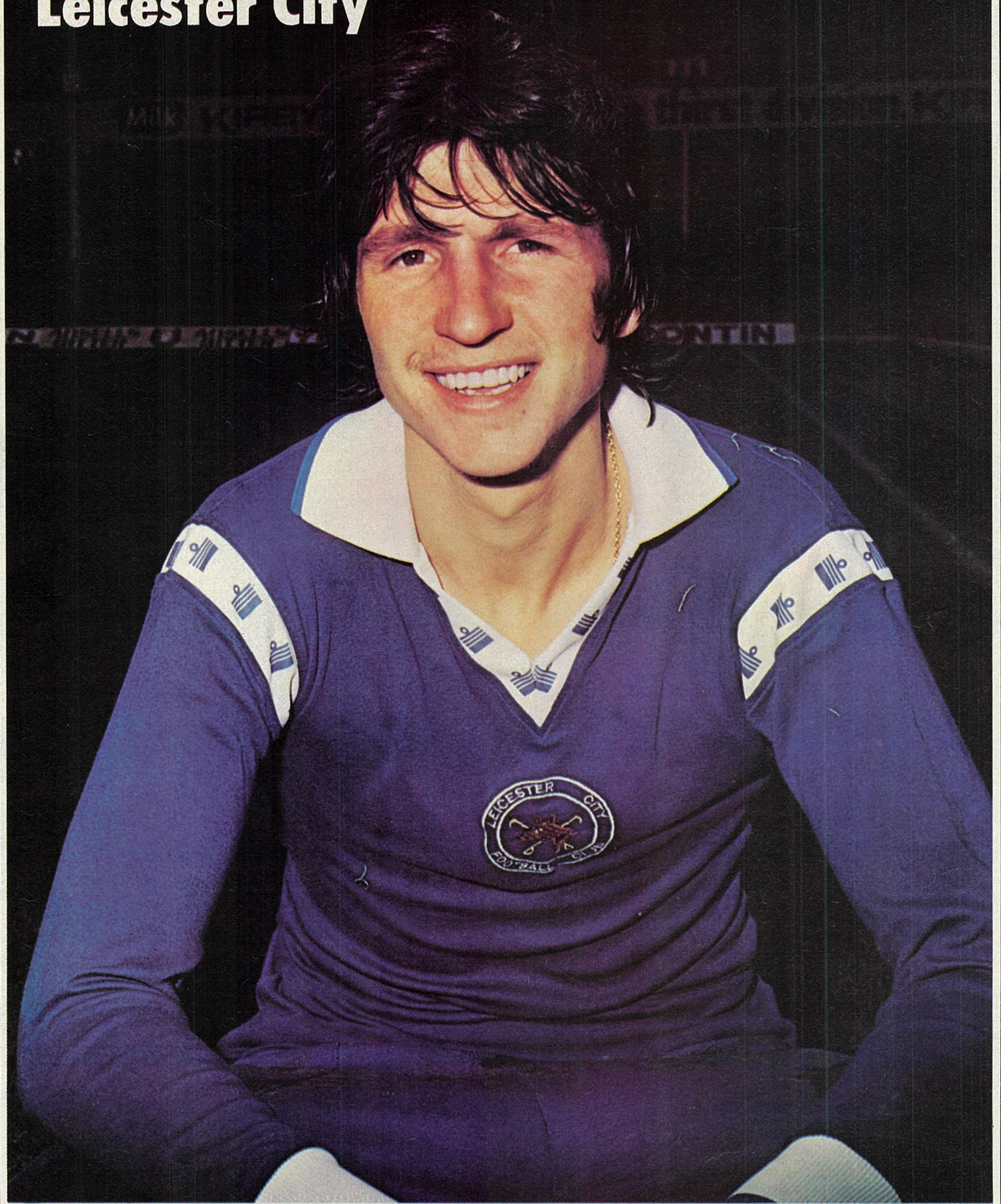
We are not suggesting this as the perfect solution to ease the pain that exists at the moment between lower Division clubs and their bank managers, but it would be one way of lessening the burden. What do you think?



Wimbledon's Dave Donaldson (right) and Halifax Town's Colin Dunleavy shake hands before the first game of this season.

ROGER DAVIES

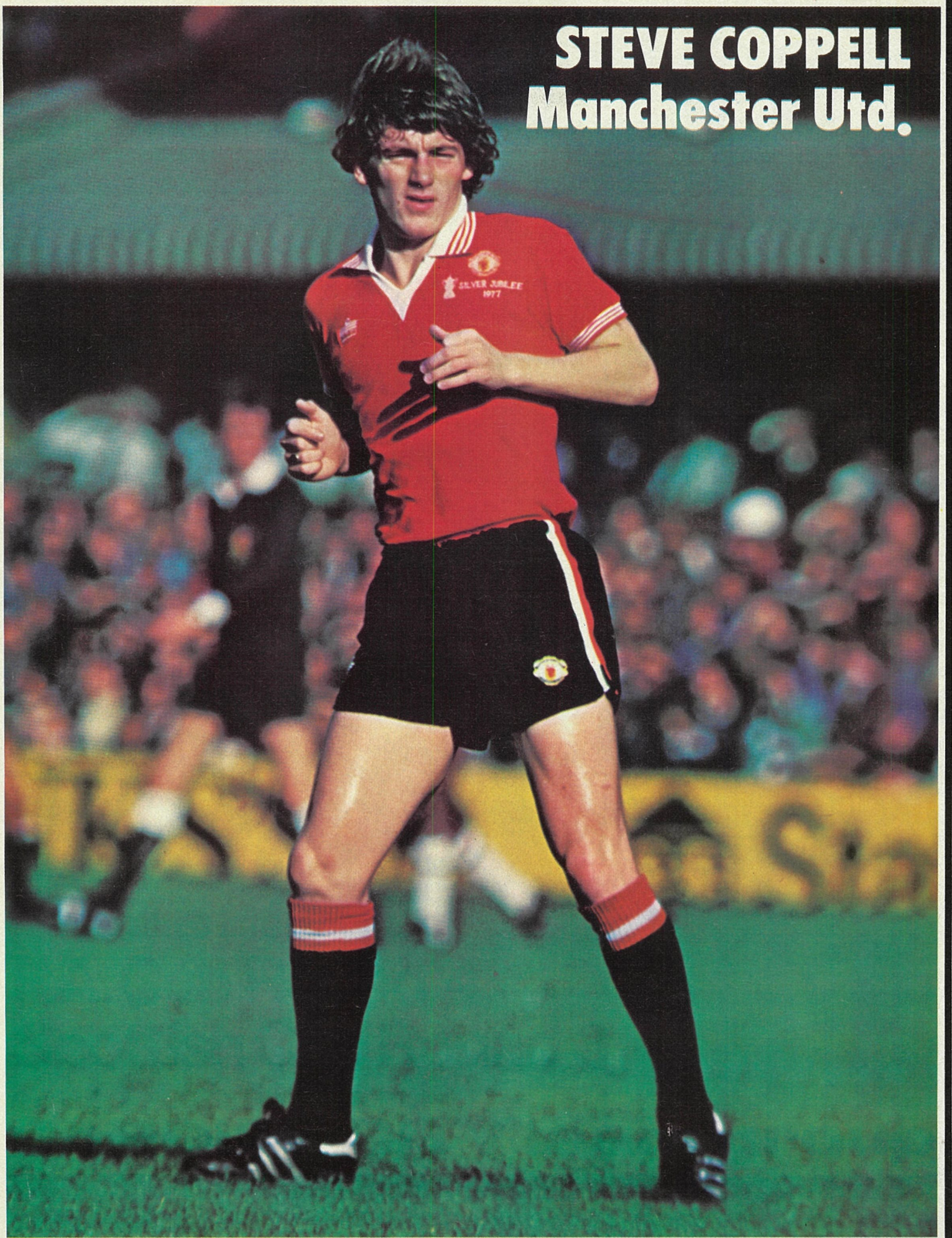
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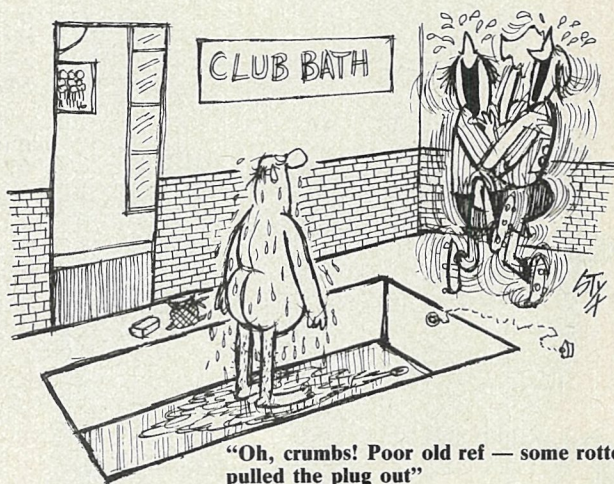


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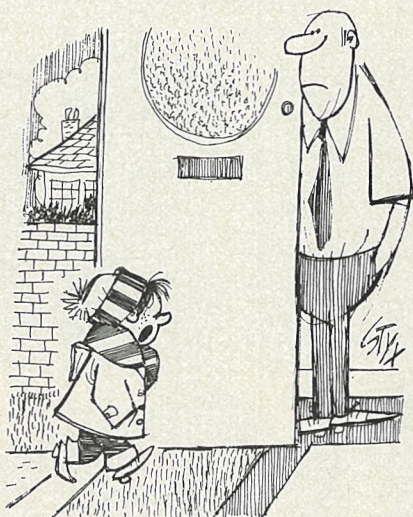
This week DAVE McNICOLL of Hearts selects the jokes specially drawn by our cartoonist Styx.



"Oh, crumbs! Poor old ref — some rotter's pulled the plug out"



"I want you to try one of the most difficult moves in football today — putting the ball into an empty net"



"There was a big gate, pa — took me ten minutes to climb over it"



"But I'm NOT acting like a dictator, Jones — all I'm doing is asking you to get your hair cut"



"Wearing a tracksuit during this cold spell is one thing. But when it comes to your wife's fur coat —"

NOBBY

OH TO BE IN ENGLAND NOW THAT WINTER'S HERE!



RAIN, SNOW, ICE, WE GET THE LOT



IN FACT YOU'VE TO BE ABLE TO PLAY ON ANYTHING TO WIN THE CUP



EVEN GRASS IF YOU GET TO WEMBLEY!



'FLOURISHING FOREST WILL HELP COUNTY GROW'



says Ray O'Brien

players if they won the title.

"I know most of them and, believe me, there is no bitterness between the County and Forest players — although there is definitely great rivalry with the two sets of supporters. But that is only natural in a city with two clubs, just look at Glasgow, Liverpool and Manchester.

"But, having said all that, I wouldn't like people to think we are in any way in awe of Forest and feeling down in the dumps.

"Our only real concern at County is finishing in a respectable position this season. That is more important to us than what happens over the Trent.

"And it shouldn't be forgotten Forest have been lucky in having the cash available to go out into the transfer market and splash out thousands and thousands on new talent.

"We just haven't got that sort of money — although I admit Mr Clough has bought very wisely indeed. Everyone knows what terrific players Peter Shilton, Archie Gemmill and Kenny Burns are.

"Also, although I suppose this has been forgotten now, it might very well have been US and not Forest in the First Division this season.

'Attention'

"We were ahead of Forest in the promotion race last season until we fell away in the last four games and lost out. But for that, it might have been us who were getting all the attention now.

"That is behind us now, however, and we've just got to think of the future — and I reckon it could be a lot brighter. For a start, our former manager Jimmy Sirrel has returned and I believe we are already playing better than we did at the start of the season.

"Mr Sirrel is not such a flamboyant figure as Mr Clough and doesn't get the same publicity, but he is a very good manager with a fine record of his own.

"Another reason why I'm convinced we won't go down is we have some fine players ourselves — experienced men like Sammy Chapman, Brian Stubbs, Alan Birchenall and Les Bradd.

"So, while I'm pleased Forest are doing well and are in the limelight, there is no reason for any County fan to feel depressed. Success for Brian Clough will help to spur us on... make us more determined to do well.

"Things can change very quickly in football and, with luck, it could be us getting some of the glory again soon."

THE FIRST thing Graham Taylor did when he took over as manager of Watford during the summer was to buy centre-half Sam Ellis from his former club, Lincoln.

Taylor — one of the brightest young bosses in the game and a man tipped to go right to the top — wanted someone to add a touch of steel to Watford's bid for promotion from the Fourth Division.

And he had no hesitation in deciding 30-year-old Ellis was the ideal choice for the job.

Taylor did not have to go seeking references about Ellis's ability. He had first hand knowledge of it from the four years they had together at Lincoln.

During that time Taylor moulded Lincoln into one of the soundest clubs in the lower Divisions — and Ellis was a vital part of his planning.

"A tremendous competitor. Someone who would lay down his life for you," is how Taylor describes Ellis.

"If all professionals were as honest and dedicated as Sam there would not be much wrong with the game," adds Taylor — who has made a spectacular start to his new job.

And the admiration is mutual — as Ellis, who played for Sheffield Wednesday in the 1966 F.A. Cup Final against Everton — is quick to point out.

"I rate Graham as good a manager as Alan Brown, who was in charge of that Wednesday team. And I can't hand out any higher

praise," says Ellis.

"He is hard and a firm disciplinarian. But he is very fair — and you can't ask for more than that.

"To give you an idea of the standards Graham demands he fines us £25 for dissent. And for a Fourth Division club that's hard.

"He works us hard as well. But he is totally honest and has the respect of all the players, who know where they stand with him.

'Millionaire'

"Everybody seems to expect Watford to take the Fourth Division by storm — obviously because pop star millionaire Elton John is chairman. And I don't think we'll disappoint them.

"The way things are going I can't see us failing to win promotion. We should win the Division by ten points."

Contrary to popular belief Watford do NOT have limitless money. Chairman Elton does not intend to throw it around with no thought about how it is spent.

But the Hertfordshire club DO have limitless ambition. They intend to go places — and with people like Taylor and Ellis fighting for the cause they have a great chance of succeeding.



Sam Ellis (inset) is helping to fulfil the ambitions on the field of chairman Elton John and manager Graham Taylor (right).

'HONEST SAM' IDEAL FOR WATFORD

NOTTINGHAM means just two things to football fans all over Britain right now — Forest and Brian Clough.

All the glory and the headlines have gone to the City Ground club as they swept to the top of the First Division and engaged in some spectacular transfer deals.

And, of course, even without the success, Brian Clough is news with a capital "N". Everything he does or says gets the huge print treatment on the sports pages.

The glamour surrounding him and Forest's fabulous performances in the First has meant Nottingham's other club, County, have been forgotten by all but their most loyal fans.

Their Meadow Lane ground might be only half-a-mile from Forest's, but the two clubs are in different worlds this season. While Forest flourish, County are stuck near the bottom of Division Two, have changed managers and are still playing in front of poor gates.

So just what is it like playing under the shadow of Clough's Forest? Are the County players in any way bitter?

"Not at all," says their polished Eire international left-back Ray O'Brien, widely regarded as one of the Second Division's cleverest defenders.

"I'm sure I can speak for all the lads by saying we admire Forest for what they have done and wish them the very best of luck this season.

"We'd be foolish not to admit Mr Clough's success at Forest has helped put Nottingham firmly back on the football map. It doesn't surprise me too much because I reckon he must be one of the top managers in the country — his record speaks for itself.

"It would be great for him, for Nottingham and for the Forest

'My soccer future

MIKE Channon's debut for Manchester City against Leicester City last August marked a special occasion for the England international. It was the start of an association with City he hopes will eventually give him what he wants most out of football — a First Division Championship medal.

And the fee Manchester City paid Southampton for Channon was auspicious — it was £300,000 and a club record for City. But Mike's first League match for them was far from auspicious, and failed to make an indelible impression on his memory.

He recalls: "Leicester came to Maine Road for a point and were content to draw 0-0. There was nothing outstanding about the game — it was poor, a non-event."

But it was definitely not a non-event when Mike made an earlier debut, thirteen years ago — he was only sixteen and a member of Southampton's first team. It was a memorable opening season for him, one in which Saints won promotion to the First Division under the guidance of manager Ted Bates.

"I was fortunate in starting with a club like Southampton," says Mike. "They had a good Youth policy, though that in itself is not enough unless it is combined with talent and experience at first team level. Southampton had both, and I was able to benefit from this when I stepped up from the reserves to the League side."

"After scoring on my debut, I tried to learn as much as I could about the game and as quickly as I could. And I had some very happy times at The Dell."

"The man I learned most from was Terry Paine. We talked about football and he was always ready

MIKE CHANNON — THAT GREAT GOALSCORING BUCCANNEER OF MAN. CITY AND ENGLAND — REFLECTS ON HIS CAREER —



to give me much useful advice. And I like to think that in return I was able to give him something when we linked up together on the field. I believe we were good for each other."

And if Southampton and Paine helped Channon at the start of a great career, Mike amply repaid the club with his years of loyal service to them — plus his goals tally during those years. He never failed to average 20 a season at least. And at the end of his spell at The Dell which began when he signed at 15, Saints received their handsome transfer pay-off from Manchester City when Channon left for the North last summer.

There were those who criticised Mike for departing from the club that had helped to make him famous. But the player himself had

a logical reason for making the move.

"Time was running out for me, it was time to go. Yet there have been no sour grapes about the way I feel for Southampton — I think the world of the club, and always got on well with the manager, Lawrie McMenemy. We had our differences, but in a real relationship these are inevitable."

"And Lawrie has done a tremendous job at Southampton — he has a lot to offer to the game. Under him, we won the F.A. Cup, and this brought me my happiest-ever moment so far at club level. Also, with Southampton, I experienced my biggest disappointment when we were relegated to the Second Division. I think we were unlucky, because we had 36 points, usually enough to keep a team up — in addition, it was the season when three-up and three-down was introduced."

"But in joining Manchester City, I went to a club that most players would give their right arm to join. And in signing for them, I turned down offers to go abroad, including one from Bordeaux, which was very good from a financial viewpoint. I considered it, but decided that making a new home in Europe for my family, with my two children to consider, was not for me."

"I felt then, as I do now, my

soccer future lies in England. And during the period between leaving Southampton and going to Manchester City, the City manager Tony Book showed great consideration in all our dealings."

"At Southampton, I enjoyed having as my colleagues players such as Peter Rodrigues, Peter Osgood and Jim McCalliog."

"Now, with City, I'm in a side with plenty of talent, and one which only needs consistency to succeed. In our first ten matches of the season we did well, then had a patch where things went wrong and we had some injuries and suspensions. So we work at putting our game together and keeping it that way — and I look forward to scoring some goals."

Scoring goals is something Mike Channon has always liked to do, even at school. And today his enthusiasm for it remains as great as ever, together with the philosophy he has towards hitting the back of the net.

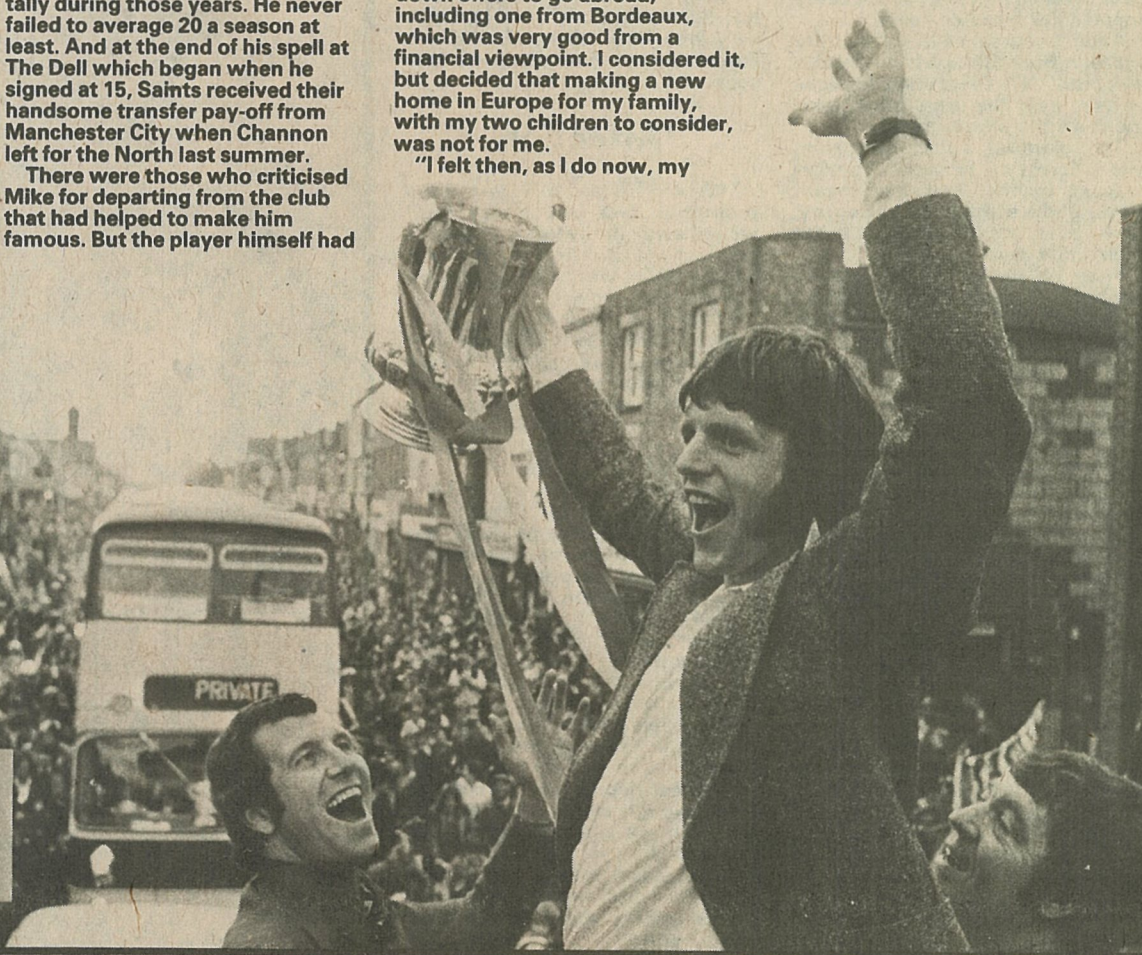
"Goalscorers are like gamblers, they have the same sort of instinct — if everything comes off, that's fine. If not, it's too bad."

"For me, there is always pleasure in scoring, and it's not easy to pick out a particular goal as one I would rate above the others. Yet I suppose there is one which will linger in my mind no matter how long I play, and this was a goal I scored against Coventry, for Southampton."

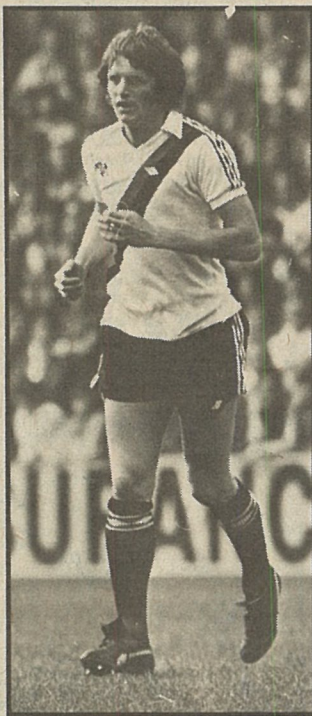
"I picked up the ball on the edge



Channon (left) and Terry Paine used to talk for hours about football. Mike (right) displays the F.A. Cup to the people of Southampton after their great 1-0 win against Manchester United in 1976.



lies in England'



Channon (left) on the ball for England and with his present club Manchester City (above).

of our penalty-area and set off for the Coventry goal. On the way I dribbled past several players, I don't know how many, and as the goalkeeper came out, I placed it past him and into the net.

"I also like to be creative in my play whenever I can, and with City, I'm part of a creative team. Though most of the teams we meet in the First Division are no better than the top sides in the Second. And looking back to when I began playing, I don't think that scoring goals is any easier now — it's always been hard.

"However, some of the leading clubs, like Liverpool, Manchester City, Manchester United and Aston Villa are attempting to go forward more and attack. At Southampton, although we had good players, we never had too many — we couldn't concentrate too much on attack, we had to play it tight."

One fact emerges clearly from Mike's career to date, and this is that no matter how tight defences operate against him, he is adept at finding a way through — and this applies to soccer at international, as well as club, level.

Up to the end of 1977, he had hit 21 goals in 46 games for England. Yet his biggest satisfaction in international football was not derived from goalscoring — it

came from being elected captain of England.

Says Mike: "My proudest moments were those two occasions when I was England's captain. Nothing I've done could be better than this, and if I never achieved anything else in my career, I'd be satisfied.

"And with England, my biggest disappointment was felt when we failed to qualify for the 1974 World Cup in West Germany, losing to Poland.

"But I still think England has the best players in the world — it's just they have not been used in the right way, although they have always given 100 per cent effort. Now we have Ron Greenwood, I believe he will select the best players, and equally important, get the best out of them.

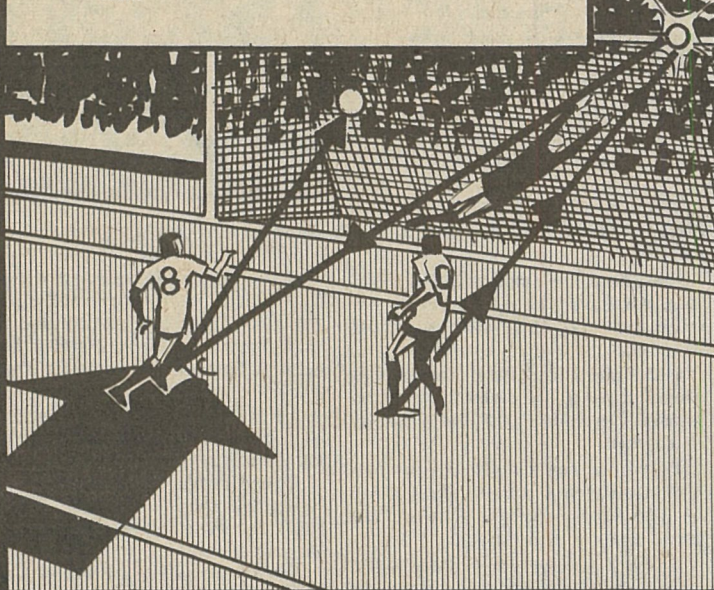
"And about football in general, there are no changes I would like to see made — apart from having full-time directors who are paid a salary. Perhaps the big clubs don't particularly need them, but smaller clubs could rent out gyms and sauna baths, for example, to make money. Social clubs also can help to keep clubs afloat, and I think more and more clubs should think of ways of raising money apart from that which comes through the turnstiles."

YOU ARE THE REF

Compiled by
STAN LOVER,
President of
the London
Referees' Society

1

At a penalty-kick an attacker runs into the penalty-area before the ball is kicked. It hits the crossbar and rebounds to him. He scores. Do you (a) award a goal, (b) have the kick retaken or (c) caution the attacker and award a free-kick?



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A:

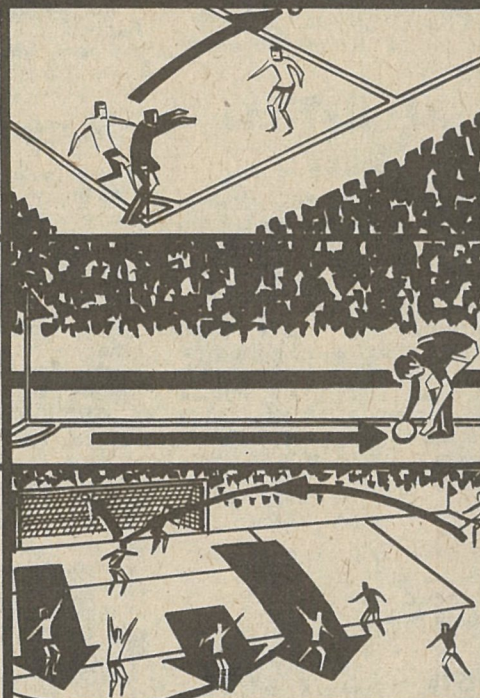
At a throw-in an attacker throws the ball into the penalty-area. A defender then kicks the thrower near the touch-line. You award a direct free-kick near the touch-line.

B:

Before taking the kick an attacker places the ball three yards nearer his own goal to obtain a better angle.

C:

Immediately after the ball has been kicked defenders rush forward to leave an attacker in an offside position. He heads the ball into the goal. You award a goal. (Where is the problem?)



ANSWERS

1. The encroaching attacker must be cautioned and an indirect free-kick awarded (c).
2. The problem is in B. The ball must be placed where the offence occurred. In A the free-kick is correctly awarded where the defender kicked the attacker. In C the goal award is correct because the scorer was not offside when the ball was kicked.

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This week's Star Letter comes from Michael Williams of Formby, Liverpool, who wins our Special Prize of £3. He writes:

INCONSISTENT REFS...

MANCHESTER United's Brian Greenhoff was sent-off against Carlisle in the F.A. Cup for deliberately handling the ball, his second bookable offence in the game.

According to the Laws the referee was totally justified in his action.

The importance of the issue, however, is that so many refs do NOT book players who handle the ball on purpose.

Just before the Cup-tie, Birmingham's Keith Bertschin did exactly the same thing against United — after being booked previously — and no action was taken.

This inconsistency is one of the worst faults in football. Either a player is ALWAYS booked or never — there should be no half-measure.

● Law 12(i) clearly states that a player who intentionally handles the ball shall be penalised by a direct free-kick. But a player who "persists in misconduct after being cautioned" shall be sent-off. Until blatant inconsistency is eliminated — and it can't be THAT difficult to do this, surely? — fans will remain confused.

... Full-Time Refs

I DON'T think full-time referees would raise the standard. From what I hear they ARE virtually full-time — as full-time as the players who train four days a week and play one or two games.

Professionalism hasn't eliminated all the unwanted aspects of play on the field. I think referees are honest and, being human beings, some are better than others and all will make mistakes.

I wasn't aware players were perfect.

PETER TRAIN,
GREAT YARMOUTH.

● Our players ought to go to somewhere like Spain for a season to play. They'd soon stop complaining about British refs then.

Won — But Lost

TRYING to buy my regular copy of SHOOT turned into a session of Mastermind the other week!

There was just one issue left and two of us wanted it. We were

arguing which of us should have it when the newsagent took the SHOOT and turned to Quiz Time.

I was sent outside while my rival was tested — then it was my turn. I was thrilled when I managed eight out of ten to my rival's three.

But the shopkeeper gave the SHOOT to the other boy. He said to the loser: "You should read SHOOT more often than YOU might manage eight!"

Still, at least I got a copy elsewhere.

LEIGH HEWITT,
BRIGHTON.

● There's £1.50 on its way to you as a "prize"!

Punch-up

THE incident at Elland Road on January 7th upset me. I refer to the punch-up between Leeds' Gordon McQueen and David Harvey.

Two grown men fighting is bad enough — but two internationals of the same club is unbelievable.

I've supported Leeds for a number of years and lately have seriously considered changing to my second favourite club, Watford.

They may be smaller, but I'd rather support an enterprising small club than an idiotic big one.

ADRIAN COLEMAN,
KEYNSHAM.

● Incidents like that make professionals lose credibility. There are some things that should NEVER happen, even in the heat of the moment, and thumping a teammate is one of them.

More Misprints

MY Daily Express said "West Brom's Tony Brown scored the equaliser against Chelsea in the 105th minute of injury time, as the Chelsea defence froze with exhaustion." I'm not surprised!

RICHARD DOXEY, TEWIN WOOD.

The Reading/Darlington programme told us Darlington's Jimmy Seal is 5ft 100ins tall!

Must be good in the air!

GRAHAM ALMOND, READING.

My Sunday Telegraph said the scorer of one Northampton goal at Swansea was Christ. With a player like that how can they fail?

SIMON GILL, BEDFORD.

In your issue dated 14th January, you stated Manchester City's last First Division victory against Leeds at Elland Road was in 1973/74. In fact, City won there in December, 1976, 2-0.

MALCOLM PELOW, STOCKPORT.

● You're right! We try our hardest — but mistakes do get through sometimes. Our New Year Resolution was to make SHOOT absolutely perfect! We'll just have to try harder.

'CHELSEA

I'M delighted with the F.A. Cup draw. After our marvellous victory over Liverpool in the Third Round, all we wanted was a home tie and while I don't under-estimate Burnley, I'm sure you can understand my happiness.

I didn't mind which team we drew as long as we played at Stamford Bridge. Like everyone else, we wanted to avoid the likes of Forest and Everton away — although if we reproduce the sort of form we did against the European Champions we can beat anyone.

My only regret about that unforgettable tie was I didn't play in it. In fact, it's been more than a little embarrassing that Chelsea struck



ABOVE... "Steve Kindon tore us apart when Wolves beat us 7-1."

RIGHT... "Tommy Langley in a tussle with Liverpool skipper Emlyn Hughes."

their best form of the season WITH-OUT me.

Suddenly the goals started to go in and valuable League points were collected, making any distant threat of relegation even more distant.

I stretched for a pass during our game against Norwich City just before Christmas and tore tendons in a groin.

This kept me sidelined over the holiday matches and my first game of 1978 turned out to be a reserve game against Aldershot.

It was a disappointing start to the New Year, although this was more than compensated for by the form of the lads.

Our League game at Coventry the

week after the Liverpool tie was a big let-down.

If ever any of us needed a lesson that you have to work for all you achieve in football — this was it.

Perhaps we were still "living against Liverpool", but our display against The Sky Blues was poor. We weren't recognisable as the team that beat Liverpool just seven days previously.

Coventry played very well, to give them full credit, yet any side that loses 5-1 must take a long, critical look at itself.

From my point of view, I was happy to be back in action and to score our only goal was a small crumb of consolation.

Anyway... why did Chelsea sud-



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through a tremendous amount of unselfish running for the good of the team, something not always appreciated by our supporters.

I don't think either of these strikers will become big-headed or get carried away. They're not like that, and Big Match viewers saw that they're basically shy when they were interviewed by Brian Moore after the game.

We now face Burnley with confidence. At last we've slowly but

"Getting to grips with Brian Flynn (now Leeds) one of the many stars Burnley have had to sell."

season we went down to Division Two.

Big Steve was magic that day as everything Wolves touched turned into a goal! Believe it or not, our man of the match was goalkeeper John Phillips!

However, I'm taking us to join Orient, Arsenal and West Ham as London's three representatives in the Fifth Round.

I think The Hammers will beat Q.P.R. at Upton Park. West Ham impressed me when we beat them over the Christmas. They looked one of the best sides we've had at the Bridge all season and were



**RAY
WILKINS**
writes for you

denly "click" beforehand and find the sort of form I'd been hoping for all season?

It's hard to say. Near-misses became goals and with this the team's confidence grew.

Clive Walker and Tommy Langley — new faces up-front — combined to make a formidable partnership.

The side put on its best performance of the season against Liverpool and I was especially pleased with the composure the younger players showed against England's most experienced team.

I was always confident we'd beat Liverpool. During the week the mood of the boys was just right and I sensed we could do it. Mind you, to score four goals was more than

I'd dreamed for . . . after all, when do Liverpool concede four goals?

I have to blame Ray Clemence for our first goal, although Clive Walker struck his shot from the wing exceptionally well. I think Clive must have been surprised to score in such a way against the England 'keeper.

I tipped Clive to be our player to watch during 1978 and he's living up to my hopes. He's impressed with his speed and has improved with every game.

We have three very fast players at the Bridge — Clive, Kenny Swain and Gary Locke. If I had to put money on one of them over 100 yards I think I'd back Clive, though.

Tommy "Lungs" Langley could run all day, I'm sure. He gets

surely climbed the table and if we end the season above halfway I'll be more than satisfied.

And you never know, we may just surprise a few more people in the Cup.

For those who believe in omens, we beat Burnley in the Cup when we won it eight years ago. Mind you, a lot has happened at Turf Moor since then.

Burnley have been forced to continually sell their best players and at last it seems to have caught up with them as Third Division football is now a reality.

One player who could cause us problems is Steve Kindon. I'll never forget his performance for Wolves when we were thumped 7-1 the

unlucky not to draw, at least.

I can see Arsenal winning something very soon and I doubt if Wolves will halt their F.A. Cup progress. Brady and Rix are doing a sound job in midfield, while the whole side is a lesson in efficiency. Arsenal don't give many goals away, which makes them a good Cup bet.

Orient did exceptionally well to win at Norwich and I reckon they can reach Round Five at the expense of high-riding Blackburn.

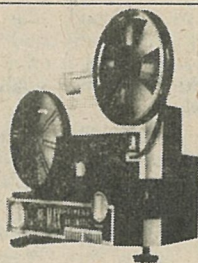
I'm tipping Luton to beat Millwall after a replay — and in the Tie of the Round I think Manchester City will do the same to Forest.

See you in two weeks,

Ray Wilkins

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Southampton boss Lawrie McMenemy gives his blessing to THE NEW SAINTS

ONE of the proudest managers in the Second Division right now is Southampton's Lawrie McMenemy, and that's not just because his team is on the fringe of the promotion race.

Over the last two years Lawrie has quietly moulded a new Saints team, and reduced the average age of his side dramatically.

Even when Southampton beat Manchester United to bring off a most astonishing F.A. Cup Final victory, Lawrie knew he would soon have to embark on a clear-out campaign.

He has done that so effectively of the team which brought glory and honour to The Dell in 1976, only Nick Holmes, David Peach and Ian Turner remain.

And to take the place of famous names he has brought into the side youngsters like Trevor Hebbard, Austin Hayes, Graham Baker, Steve Neville, Tony Funnell and Steve Williams.

"It takes two or three years to see a youth policy come to fruition but at the moment we are reaping the benefit," says Lawrie.

"Steve Williams is only just 19 yet people are talking of him as a potential England international, and he has been in our side less than a year.

'Young defender'

"The transition started with people like Manny Andruszewski and Malcolm Waldron coming in for Peter Rodrigues and Mel Blyth.

"I bought Peter Wells from Nottingham Forest to keep goal, and Mike Pickering a young defender from Barnsley to take over from Jim Steele.

"They weren't publicised as much as the signings of people like Alan Ball, Chris Nicholl and Ted MacDougall, but they were just as important to the overall re-shaping of the side.

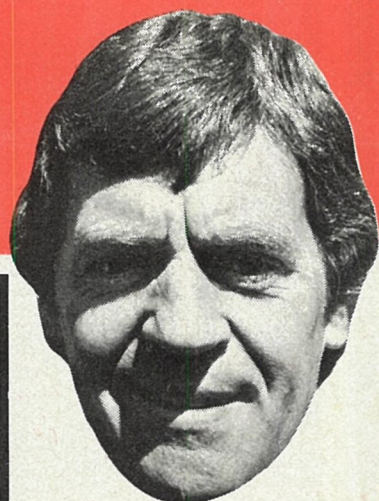
"We had a blow to our hopes at the start of this season when we had to sell Mike Channon to Manchester City.

"Last season we did well in the League even though we were going through this period of change, and this was largely due to Mike who is one of the few players in England with the ability to get to the bye-line and pull the ball back for someone like Ted MacDougall.

"We've missed Channon this season, but he wanted to go and we didn't stand in his way. Ted, in particular, has suffered even though we signed his old striking partner Phil Boyer from Norwich."

So with this problem McMenemy decided to plunge some of the Southampton youngsters in at the deep end.

Graham Baker (right) and Austin Hayes (below) are two of Southampton's up and coming youngsters.



In came Tony Funnell, The Dell's "Roy of the Rovers" who responded immediately with a couple of good goals including one that saved Saints in a League Cup tie against Crystal Palace and eventually led to a money-spinning tie with Arsenal.

Trevor Hebbard also got his chance, and then in a home match with Blackpool, Graham Baker and Steve Neville were introduced, and Baker actually got a goal with almost his first kick in senior football.

"All these boys have done tremendously well, and what pleases me in particular is the reserves and the third team are both top of their respective Leagues.

"Some clubs have good reserves, but that's no good if the first team isn't doing its stuff. With us all the sides are doing well, so much so that Trevor Hebbard has even had to play at centre-half in one reserve match just to get in.

"We've another boy called Tony Sealey who has yet to make his League debut, but he's the leading scorer in both the reserve and third teams.

'Competition'

"If everyone was fit he wouldn't even get into the reserves yet he's scored eight goals in nine games, and there's terrific competition for every place in the club. That can only be a good thing," he says.

McMenemy acknowledges that to win promotion, Southampton have got a very tough four months ahead.

"This is the best Second Division for years, and it's split into two factions, the South and Lancashire.

"Down here 'Spurs, Brighton, Luton are all capable of winning promotion along with ourselves, and possibly Palace, while up in the North-West there's Bolton, Blackpool and Blackburn.

"The only pointer I'll give you is we are considerably better off points wise than we were at the same stage last season."

Saints are also still on the F.A. Cup trail again. After beating Grimsby at the third attempt they now face Bristol Rovers at Eastville.



Two teams who clash in the Fourth Round are Manchester City and Nottingham Forest. Here City's Mike Channon gets the better of Kenny Burns of Forest with Viv Anderson moving in to give Burns support.



Sunderland skipper Raich Carter holds the F.A. Cup aloft after Sunderland had beaten Preston North End 3-1 in the 1937 Final. Carter scored one of the goals that won the Cup for the Roker Park side.



One of the finest-ever Finals was the one above. Manchester United beat Blackpool 4-2 in 1948, and it is still referred to as the classic Final with a feast of brilliant football and fine goals.



Popular Charlton Athletic goalkeeper Sam Bartram is helpless as Irishman Peter Doherty beats him to score Derby's second goal. Derby won 4-1 after extra-time in 1946.

F.A. Cup 5th Round Scottish Cup 4th Round

THE FINAL LINE-UP

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1949 Wolves v. Leicester..... 3-1	1966 Everton v. Sheff. Wed..... 3-2
1950 Arsenal v. Liverpool..... 2-0	1967 Spurs v. Chelsea..... 2-1
1951 Newcastle v. Blackpool 2-0	1968 W. Brom. v. Ev'ton (a.e.t.)..... 1-0
1952 Newcastle v. Arsenal..... 1-0	1969 Man. City v. Leicester..... 1-0
1953 Blackpool v. Bolton..... 4-3	1970 Chelsea v. Leeds (a.e.t.).. 2-1
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BANKS for Of 73

SINCE the resumption of official international football following the end of the War, September, 1946, up to the memorable clash with Italy last November, England have played 290 games.

During that long period 22 players appeared for England in the goalkeeper's sweater. Eleven of those men appeared in five or less matches, while seven shared a remarkable total of 228 internationals, with Gordon Banks earning a world record total of 73 caps over a period of nine seasons (1963-72).

During that fantastic succession of 97 games, only six other goalies earned selection for England — Ron Springett, Tony Waiters, Peter Bonetti, Gordon West, Alex Stepney and Peter Shilton — with 25 caps between them. Such was the supreme dominance of the Stoke City and former Leicester City "golden goal-saver". Only a tragic car crash in October, 1972, brought his incredible international career to a summary end.

Banks's record is proof of his inestimable value to England. Of his 73 internationals 50 resulted in victory, 15 were drawn and on 35 occasions he robbed the opposition of even one goal. No wonder he was acclaimed everywhere as the greatest goalie in world soccer.

Gordon Banks was also the only England 'keeper to appear in two World Cup Finals series — 1966 when he was one of Sir Alf Ramsey's Wembley heroes, and 1970 in Mexico when illness prevented his appearance against West Germany in the Quarter-Finals. His place was taken by Peter Bonetti and England lost. (But don't blame Peter for that!)

Incidentally, you may be interested to know the other 'keepers who appeared for England in World Cup Finals — 1950 Bert Williams of Wolves; 1954 Gil Merrick of Birmingham; 1958 Colin McDonald of Burnley and

ENGLAND GOALKEEPERS SINCE THE WAR (1946)

	Caps	Goals	Wins	Shut
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FRANK SWIFT (Man. City)	19	18	14	9
TED DITCHBURN (Spurs)	6	8	5	2
BERT WILLIAMS (Wolves)	24	34	13	3
BERNARD STRETEN (Luton)	1	2	1	—
GIL MERRICK (Birmingham)	23	45	14	5
RAY WOOD (Man. Utd)	3	3	3	1
RON BAYNHAM (Luton)	3	2	3	1
REG MATTHEWS (Coventry)	5	5	3	1
ALAN HODGKINSON (Sheff. U.)	5	5	4	1
EDDIE HOPKINSON (Bolton)	14	23	6	4
COLIN McDONALD (Burnley)	8	11	1	2
RON SPRINGETT (Sheff. Wed)	33	47	16	6
GORDON BANKS (Leicester & Stoke)	73	63	50	35
TONY WAITERS (Blackpool)	5	10	2	—
PETER BONETTI (Chelsea)	7	4	6	5
GORDON WEST (Everton)	3	2	1	—
PETER SHILTON (Leicester & Stoke)	23	15	10	7
ALEX STEPNEY (Man. Utd.)	1	1	1	—
RAY CLEMENCE (Liverpool)	33	21	12	13
PHIL PARKES (Q.P.R.)	1	0	0	1
Jimmy Rimmer (Arsenal)	1	2	1	—
Joe Corrigan (Sub) Man. City	1	0	1	1

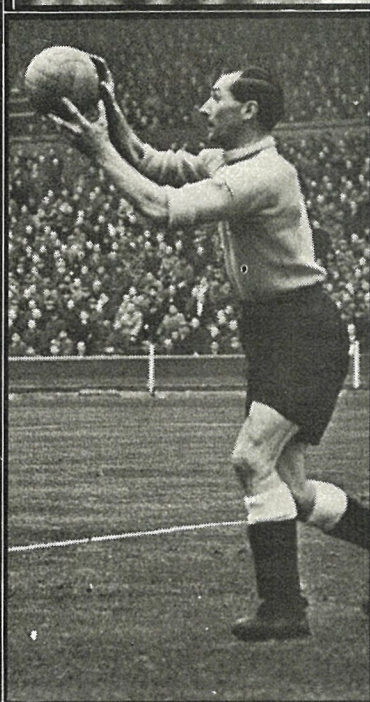
(Rimmer first-half; Corrigan second-half.)

1962 Ron Springett of Sheffield Wednesday.

Many other interesting performances have been achieved by England goalies. Frank Swift, former Blackpool lifeboatman before joining Manchester City, earned the first of his 19 caps in the first international after the War, against the Irish in Belfast. England won 7-2. It was the start of a remarkable run for the genial giant. He kept goal in 17 successive games, which included only one defeat.

In May, 1948, he was appointed captain against Italy in Turin, the first and — and only — 'keeper ever to lead England's

BELOW, LEFT . . . Manchester City's Frank Swift lost his life in the Munich Air Crash of 1958. **BELOW . . .** A spectacular dive by Bert Williams. **RIGHT . . .** Gil Merrick made 23 international appearances.



the memory- great games

ENGLAND'S 'KEEPERS SINCE THE WAR

From Frank Swift to Ray Clemence.



Eddie Hopkinson (below) gathers the ball safely to stop a Scotland attack at Hampden Park. England's current number one, Ray Clemence (far right), and deputy Peter Shilton (right).

international side. It was a thoroughly well-deserved honour for the man who became a soccer writer and was later to lose his life in the Munich air disaster that decimated a brilliant Manchester United team.

During those early post-War seasons Ted Ditchburn (Spurs) twice deputised for Frank Swift, but when the popular "big fella" of Manchester City reached the end of his international career in 1949 Bert Williams (Wolves) was chosen to be his successor.

He missed only one of the next 19 internationals, when Luton's Bernard Streten deputised. After his 18th cap "The Cat", as Bert was known, lost his England place, but three years later he returned to the National side and gained another spell of six games.

During Bert Williams' three year absence the man in charge of England's last line of defence was Gil Merrick. In November, 1951, he

began a run of 23 caps in 24 consecutive matches. Not until his 13th appearance for England — against Uruguay in a close season tour of 1953 — was he on the losing side. (Unlucky 13!)

Five games later the Birmingham 'keeper was unfortunate again. When he faced the mighty Magyars of Hungary at Wembley he was beaten six times.

Yet worse was to follow. In May, 1954, England travelled to Budapest for the return game with Puskas, Hidegkuti and Co. This time the Hungarians won 7-1.

It was a nightmare for Gil Merrick but it is doubtful whether any 'keeper could have done better against those superstars. Anyway, Gil retained his number one spot for the World Cup Finals in Switzerland a few weeks later, but England were knocked out by Uruguay in the Quarter-Finals. That was Gil Merrick's last appearance in England's goal.



Ray Wood of Manchester United took over for a couple of games and then gave way to the return of Bert Williams who increased his caps total to 24.

During the early months of the 1955-56 season Ron Baynham, the second Luton 'keeper to play for England, was given three games, but although he was on the winning side in all three of those matches, he then lost his place to Reg Matthews, of Coventry.

Reg, who later moved to Chelsea, made five appearances — and was never on a losing side. But his run ended in November, 1956, when Ted Ditchburn was recalled to the England team four years after his previous caps.

Again it was a short stay — three games, three wins, then, surprisingly, he was dropped.

Next it was Sheffield United's Alan Hodgkinson who was put on trial. He was one of the smallest 'keepers in the League but he did well, helping England to three wins and a draw in his four appearances. Good enough to hold his place you would think — but no!

Eddie Hopkinson, of Bolton, just slightly shorter than Alan, was given his chance in the build-up to the 1958 World Cup Finals. Eddie had four good games but then, less than a month before the England squad left for Sweden, they were beaten 0-5 in Yugoslavia.

Hard luck for Eddie Hopkinson. He was dropped and England's number one jersey for the World Cup Finals was handed to Colin McDonald of Burnley.

But Fate — and the England selectors — play strange tricks. The Russians spoiled our chances of reaching the Quarter-Finals but

Colin retained his place and the following season completed a run of eight successive internationals with some fine performances and then was dropped.

Who took his place? A newcomer? No, Eddie Hopkinson was recalled for the next nine games in four of which England were beaten.

So in came another name new to international football — Ron Springett. His debut at Wembley against Ireland in November, 1959, was the stepping stone to a splendid sequence of international appearances for the Fulham-born 'keeper then with Sheffield Wednesday.

Ron missed only one of the next 30 England games, which included the 1962 World Cup Finals in Chile when they were beaten by Brazil in the Quarter-Finals.

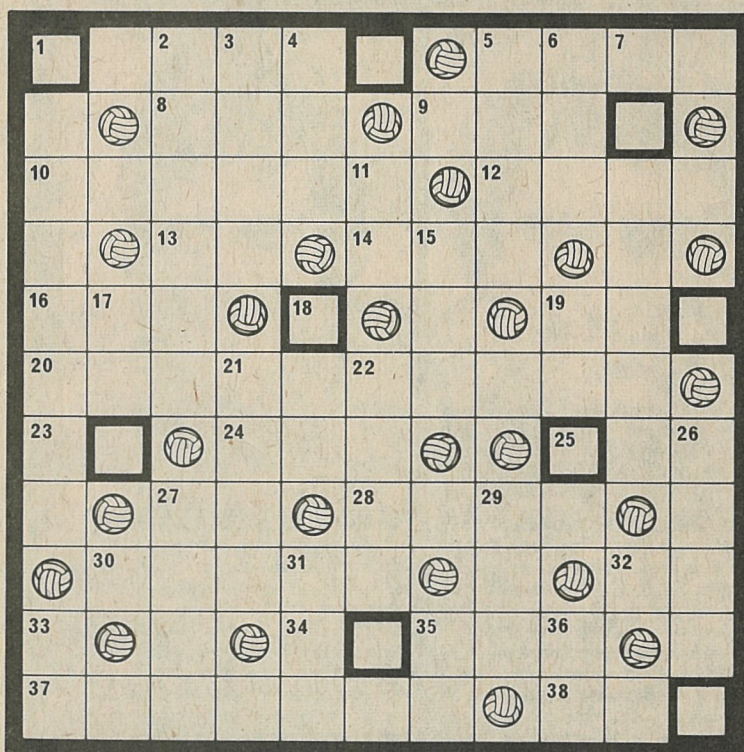
Then in April, 1963, when Gordon Banks was picked as the new England 'keeper, Ron must have felt his own international career was at an end. But between then and June, 1966, he was given four more games as stand-in for Gordon, which gave him the all-time goalkeeping record of 33 caps.

As we have seen, that record was well and truly shattered by Gordon Banks with 73 England appearances. That record may stand for all time for although Ray Clemence equalled Ron Springett's 33 caps when he played against Italy a few months ago, he still has a long way to go.

So has Peter Shilton who gained his first cap in November, 1970, against East Germany and his last (23rd) against Wales in May, 1976. But Peter must wait until Liverpool's number one is deposed as England's regular 'keeper.

Go for the Double

After solving the clues in this specially compiled crossword, you can use the letters in the thick-edged squares to form the name of a Leeds United winger. Answers on page 38.



ALL RIGHT, me old sons? That's a typical greeting a group of SHOOT readers might get from a player in London.

Like people in various other trades and professions, footballers have a language all their own and this week I thought you would be interested in hearing about some of the most popular — and printable — terms.

Everyone knows what **OVER THE TOP** means — that's when an **ASSASSIN** or **HATCHET-MAN** will go for the player and not the ball.

In team-talks most managers will warn his men of the opponent with a reputation for deliberately trying to cause injury.

No use denying it — there are players around who will stop at nothing to prevent an opponent going past him. Such as going in with an early knee-high tackle. And some of them are household names!

IN THE SACK is another obvious soccer phrase, meaning scoring goals.

Up here in the North some players use the term **STICK IT IN THE ONION BAG**. That's what I enjoy doing most in the game.

In fact, my aim is to stick one in the onion bag with a **SCISSORS**. That's an overhead kick which looks very spectacular . . . when it comes off. I've almost scored that way, several times.

A **SQUARE** is the old name for a person who is staid, conventional and usually very boring.

In soccer a square pass is giving the ball to a team-mate who is standing level with you across the park, ten or 15 yards away.

Another effective way of beating an opponent is to use **THE ONE-TWO**. Instead of dribbling past the defender you lay the ball off to a team-mate, run past the man and take a quick return.



Another goal in the onion bag for United.

'I DISLIKE

perform when they feel like it. Hide for long spells during a game. Duck tackles. Cheat during training.

Getting paid good wages and not giving value for money is simply conning the public, their club and above all themselves.

I also can't abide the **CAD-BURY'S**, the players who feign injury . . . writhe about in apparent agony when they are not really hurt.

Why Cadbury's? Well, in every box of chocolates made by this famous firm you'll find your soft centres.

Another term for Cadbury's are **OSCAR JOBS**, the actors who outdo Sir Laurence Olivier.

It also describes players who **TAKE DIVES** in the penalty-area to get a spot-kick.

But there's only one word to really describe footballers such as these — **CHEATS**.

Referees are naturally fair game for slang terms, most of which are unprintable.

Paddy Roche (right) pushes the pill off the nut of Forest's John McGovern, with Ashley Grimes in support.

ACROSS:—

- (1) Take six letters from Edgar Street (Hereford United) to give a word meaning "consented".
- (5) F-I-ows P-r- (Walsall). Expanse of water from the missing letters.
- (8) Dennis Tu---t of Manchester City.
- (9) Famous Brazilian international who recently retired.
- (10) John —, Spurs striker.
- (12) She-fi-ld U-ite-, from Bramall Lane.
- (13) C-Ic-ester United.
- (14) Graham ---es of Newcastle United.
- (16) Car--- Road, home of Norwich.
- (19) Graham Oa--- of Coventry City.
- (20) Alan —, Arsenal striker.
- (23) Man-- Road Ground, Oxford United.
- (24) -olin--x (Wolves ground). Running bird from the omissions.
- (25) The goalkeeper needs to keep his — on the ball at all times.
- (27) Don --sson of Derby County.
- (28) Old — Ground of Scunthorpe United.
- (30) Surname of Paul or Garry of Bolton Wanderers.
- (32) Mea--w Lane, Notts County.
- (34) The —, nickname of Millwall.
- (37) — Road, home of Ipswich Town.
- (38) — Carthusians won the F.A. Cup in 1880/81.

DOWN:—

- (1) Trevor —, of Peterborough and N. Ireland.
- (2) Fame or high distinction.
- (3) Mick L---- of Queens Park Rangers.
- (4) Colin B-r--tt (Nottingham Forest). Period of time from the omissions reversed.
- (5) Leeds' Arthur Graham usually plays on the — wing.
- (6) Preston play at Deepd---.
- (7) Alan —, Newcastle defender.
- (11) Jimmy -ich-ll of Manchester United.
- (15) Don-to Nardie--o, Coventry City winger.
- (17) Jimmy Neighb--- of Norwich City.
- (18) Archie ---mill, Nottingham Forest midfielder.
- (19) ---il-orth Road (Luton Town). "Recognised" from the missing letters.
- (21) Surname of the record holder of the most League goals (60) scored in a single season.
- (22) Country who came Fourth in the 1966 World Cup Finals.
- (26) — Park, home of Blackburn Rovers.
- (27) Turf —, Burnley's ground.
- (29) Shrewsbury T---, from Gay Meadow.
- (31) — Park, Ground of Reading.
- (33) --ton Park, home of West Ham.
- (35) Willie D---achie of Manchester City.
- (36) Peter Ea-t-e of Q.P.R.



West Brom's Laurie Cunningham surprises the Q.P.R. defence with this spectacular scissors-kick.

However, there's one ref most of the lads have nicknamed **TRAFFIC WARDEN** simply because he's always booking people and seems to enjoy doing it.

If there's a particularly powerful pair of strikers in opposition we might refer to them as **BATMAN AND ROBIN**. You know, the Dynamic Duo.

We players also have a few choice names for particular Pressmen. One we call **THE PENGUIN** — maybe you'll guess who he is.

Most photographers, especially the man from **SHOOT**, are usually most welcome at matches.

my soccer scene
**GORDON
HILL**

Some, though, are **PESTS** when they stray too close to the pitch. Players can get injured by either running into them, or striking those metal cases they carry around.

Like all clubs, Manchester United use sign language at dead-ball situations. Secret messages to tell teammates where to position themselves, or whether to shoot or pass.

I can't reveal those because they are a vital part of United's training and tactics.

We've been practising a few special moves for Saturday's vital F.A. Cup Fourth Round tie at home to West Brom.

As you know we beat Carlisle United 4-2 in a replay at Old Trafford after drawing 1-1 at Brunton Park in the Third Round.

I was left out of the side which survived at Carlisle. On the day they were the better side. They certainly didn't look a Third Division team... and United played below the form expected from one from the First.

I was recalled for the replay and

helped defeat the plucky men from Border country. Good luck to them and manager Bobby Moncur.

This Saturday's Fourth Round tie against West Brom should be a cracker.

I realise they've had the better of our League clashes over the past season or so, but the Cup is different.

A home tie with our tremendous fans behind us should give us the edge.

Naturally United can't be over-confident because West Brom have potential match-winners in Laurie Cunningham, Cyrille Regis and Len Cantello.

Anyhow, wish us luck, me old sons...

SOCCER'S SOFT CENTRES'



RESULTS . . . SCORERS . . . TEAM LINE-UPS

TUESDAY, DEC. 27

FIRST DIVISION

BIRMINGHAM (0) 3 (Gallagher, Towers, Francis)

BRISTOL C (0) 0 24,110

Birmingham: Montgomery; Calderwood, Pendrey, Towers, Howard, Gallagher, Page (Connolly), Francis, Bertschin, Hibbitt, Dillon, Bristol C: Shaw; Gillies, Sweeney, Gow, Collier, Merrick, Tainton, Ritchie, Royle, Mabbutt, Cormack.

CHELSEA (1) 2 (Langley, Garner)

WEST HAM (0) 1 (Robson) 44,093

Chelsea: Bonetti; Harris, Wilkins (G), Britton, Droy, Wicks, Garner, Lewington, (Finnieston) Langley, Swain, Walker.

West Ham: Day; McDowell, Lampard, Bonds, Taylor (T), Pike, Devonshire, Robson, Cross, Brooking, Curbishley.

COVENTRY (2) 5 (Powell pen., Wallace, Gooding, McDonald, Graydon)

NORWICH (3) 4 (Ryan pen., Reeves 2, Peters) 21,578

Coventry: Blyth; Beck, McDonald, Yorath, Roberts, Gooding, Graydon, Wallace, Ferguson, Powell, Hutchison.

Norwich: Keelan; Bond, Sullivan, Ryan, Jones, Powell, Neighbour, Suggett, Gibbins, Reeves, Peters.

DERBY (0) 0

ASTON VILLA (2) 3 (Little, Gray, Deehan) 30,395

Derby: Middleton; Langan, Daniel, Daly, Hunt, Todd, Curran, Powell, Masson, Chesters, Ryan.

Villa: Rimmer; Gidman, Smith, Phillips, McNaught, Mortimer, Deehan, Little, Gray, Gregory, Carrodus (Cowans).

IPSWICH (1) 3 (Geddis 2, Mills)

Q.P.R. (0) 2 (Bowles pen., McGee) 22,317

Ipswich: Cooper; Burley, Tibbott, Talbot, Hunter, Osman, Mills, Viljoen (Turner), Mariner, Geddis, Woods.

Q.P.R.: Richardson; Shanks, Gillard, Hollins, Howe, Cunningham, James, Francis, Givens, Bowles, Eastoe (McGee).

LEEDS (2) 3 (Hankin 2, Lorimer)

EVERTON (0) 1 (Dobson) 45,560

Leeds: Stewart; Cherry, Gray (F), Lorimer, McQueen, Madeley, Harris, Hankin, Jordan, Flynn, Graham.

Everton: Wood; Jones, Pejic, Lyons, Higgins, Ross, King, Dobson, Latchford, McKenzie, Thomas.

LIVERPOOL (1) 1 (Neal pen.)

WOLVES (0) 0 50,294

Liverpool: Clemence; Neal, Jones, Thompson, Kennedy, Hughes, Dalglish, McDermott, Heighway (Johnson), Fairclough, Callaghan.

Wolves: Bradshaw; Palmer (Farley), Parkin, Daley, Hazell, McAlle, Hibbitt, Carr, Richards, Bell, Daly.

MAN UTD (2) 3 (Greenhoff J, Coppell, Hill)

LEICESTER (0) 1 (Goodwin) 57,396

Man. U: Roche; Nicholl, Albiston, McIlroy, Houston, Buchan, Coppell, Greenhoff (J), Ritchie, Macari, Hill.

Leicester: Wallington; Williams, Rofo, Goodwin, Sims, Woollett, Hamilton (Whitworth), Kelly, Hughes, Robertson, White.

MIDDLESBROUGH (0) 0

MAN. CITY (1) 2 (Hartford, Owen) 26,879

Middlesbrough: Cuff; Craggs, Bailey, Souness, Hickton, Ramage, Hedley, Cummins, Ashcroft (Woolf), McAndrew, Armstrong.

Man. C: Corrigan; Clements, Donachie, Booth, Watson, Owen, Barnes, Bell, Kidd, Hartford, Palmer.

W.B.A. (0) 1 (Cunningham)

ARSENAL (2) 3 (Sunderland, Macdonald, Brady pen.) 27,723

W.B.A.: Godden; Mulligan, Statham, Brown (T), Wile, Robertson, Martin, Brown (A), Regis, Robson (Cunningham), Johnston.

Arsenal: Jennings; Rice, Nelson, Price, O'Leary, Young, Brady, Sunderland, Macdonald, Stapleton (Simpson), Rix.

SECOND DIVISION

BLACKBURN (0) 1 (Parkes)

SUNDERLAND (0) 1 (Gilbert) 22,860

Blackburn: Butcher; Hird, Bailey, Metcalfe, Waddington, Fazackerley, Brotherston, Fear, Wagstaffe, Parkes, Taylor.

Sunderland: Siddall; Henderson, Gilbert, Kerr, Docherty, Ashurst, Roston, Arnott, Greenwood, Entwistle (Lee), Rowell.

BLACKPOOL (0) 0

BOLTON (1) 2 (Worthington, Whatmore) 25,789

Blackpool: Wood; Gardner, Harrison, Waldron (Wilson), Hart, Suddaby, Ainscow, Weston, Walsh, Hatton, Groves.

Bolton: McDonagh; Nicholson, Dunne (Walsh), Greaves, Jones (P), Allardye, Morgan, Whatmore, Train, Reid, Worthington.

BRISTOL R (1) 3 (Gould, Barry, Randall)

C. PALACE (0) 0 11,688

Bristol R: Thomas; Aitken, Bater, Day, Taylor (S), Prince, Barry, Williams, Gould, Staniforth, Randall.

Palace: Burns; Nicholas, Wall, Murphy, Cannon, Gilbert, Hilaire, Chatterton, Swindlehurst, Walsh, Silkman.

CHARLTON (1) 1 (Abrahams)

SOUTHAMPTON (1) 3 (Ball, Boyer, MacDougall) 18,721

Charlton: Wood; Berry, Warman, Campbell, Dugdale, Tydeman (Burman), Powell, Gritt, Flanagan, Abrahams, Peacock.

Southampton: Wells; Waldron, Peach, Williams, Nicholl, Pickering, Ball, Holmes, Boyer, Sharpe, MacDougall.

LUTON (1) 4 (Futcher (R), Fuccillo pen., Stein 2)

SHEFF UTD (0) 0 10,885

Luton: Aleksic; Price, Buckley, West, Carr, Jones, Stein, Hill, Futcher (R), Fuccillo, Boersma.

Sheff. U: Brown; Cutbush, Calvert, Franks, Colquhoun, Flynn (Stainrod), Woodward, Speight, Campbell, Kenworthy, Hamilton.

NOTTS CO (2) 2 (O'Brien 2)

HULL (1) 1 (Haigh) 9,486

Notts Co: McManus; McVay, O'Brien, Chapman, Stubbs, Birchenall, Smith, Bradd, Vinter, Mann (Sims), Hooks.

Hull: Wealands; Daniel, DeVries, Lord, Dobson, Roberts, Nisbet, Haigh, Warboys (Galvin), Hawley, Bannister.

OLDHAM (1) 2 (Halom 2, 1 pen)

BURNLEY (0) 0 15,170

Oldham: Platt; Wood, Holt, Bell, Hicks, Hurst, Valentine, Taylor, Halom, Chapman, Young.

Burnley: Stevenson; Scott, Brennan, Noble, Thomson, Rodaway, Burke (Cochrane), Hall, Fletcher, Kindon, Morley.

ORIENT (0) 2 (Kitchen 2)

STOKE (0) 0 6,192

Orient: Jackson; Fisher, Roffey, Grealish, Gray, Roeder, Chiedoie, Bennett, Mayo, Kitchen, Glover (Clarke).

Stoke: Jones; Dodd, Lindsay, Kendall, Smith, Bloor, Waddington, Conroy, Busby, Scott (Cook), Crooks.

TOTTENHAM (1) 1 (Duncan)

MANSFIELD (0) 1 (Bird) 36,288

Tottenham: Daines; Naylor, McAllister, Hoddle, Osgood, Perryman, Pratt, McNab, Duncan, Jones, Taylor.

Mansfield: Arnold; Bird, Foster (B), Sharkey, Foster (C), Wood, Miller, Cooke (Saxby), Syrett, Hodgson, Aston.

THIRD DIVISION

BURY (0) 1 (Tucker)

COLCHESTER (0) 1 (Foley) 5,409

Bury: Forrest; Hatton, Kennedy, Thomson, Tucker, Whitehead, Stanton, Suddick, Johnson, Robins, Wilson.

Colchester: Walker; Cook, Wignall, Leslie, Dyer, Dowman, Garwood (Foley), Gough, Rowles, Williams, Allison.

CHESTERFIELD (0) 0

PRESTON (0) 1 (Bruce) 6,484

Chesterfield: Letheran; Tarrt, Burton, Hunter, Cottam, O'Neill, Carmack, Fern, Parker, Dearden, Heppollette (Chamberlain).

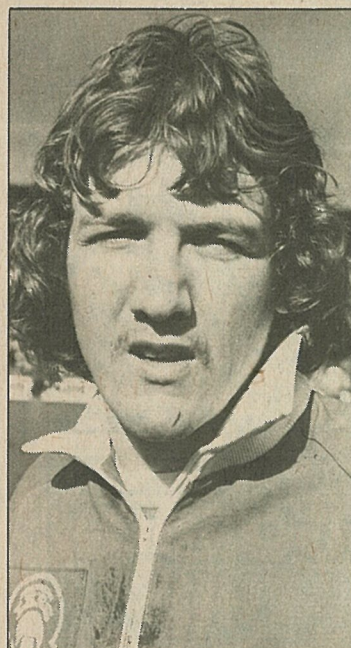
Preston: Tunks; McMahon, Cameron, Burns, Baxter, Cross, Coleman, Haslegrave, Thomson, Elwiss, Bruce.

EXETER (0) 1 (Bowker)

HEREFORD (0) 0 6,722

Exeter: Key; Templeman, Hore, Bowker, Saxton, Hatch, Heale, Kellow, Randell, Roberts, Holman.

Hereford: Mellor; Price (Proudlove), Burrows, Layton, Jefferson, Sheedy, Stephens, Briley, Davey, Marshall, Emery.



Oldham's Alan Young scored one of the goals in his side's 2-0 away win v. Fulham.

LINCOLN (1) 1 (Leigh)

TRANMERE (1) 1 (Moore) 6,463

Lincoln: Grotter; Hubbard, Neale, Leigh, Wigginton, Cooper, Fleming, Graham, Harford, Smith (Guest), Harding.

Tranmere: Johnson; Mathias, Flood, Parry, Philpotts, Evans, Peplow, Palios, Moore, Tynan, Allen.

PETERBOROUGH (0) 1 (Robson)

GILLINGHAM (1) 1 (Armstrong) 10,156

Peterborough: Barron; Hindley, Lee, Doyle, Turner, Ross, Slough, Butlin, Anderson, McEwan (Robson), Carmichael.

Gillingham: Hillyard; Knight, Armstrong, Overton, Shipperley, Crabbe, Nicholl, Weatherly, Price, Westwood, Richardson.

PORTSMOUTH (0) 2 (Kemp, Ruggiero pen.)

CAMBRIDGE (2) 2 (Biley 2) 13,152

Portsmouth: Figgins; Denyer, Wilson, Ruggiero, Foster, Hand, Pullar, Kemp, Gilchrist, Stokes, Mellows.

Cambridge: Hansbury; Batson, Smith (L), Stringer, Fallon, Howard, Watson, Spriggs, Morgan, Cozens, Biley.

PORT VALE (0) 1 (Harris)

OXFORD (1) 1 (Stott) 3,997

Port Vale: Connaughton; Beech, Griffiths, Ridley, Harris, Bentley, Sutcliffe, Lamb, Brownbill, Beamish, Bailey.

Oxford: Milkins; Fogg, Drysdale, Bodell, Stott, Jeffrey, Berry, Taylor, Foley, Seacole, Duncan (Curran).

SHEFF. WED (0) 1 (Prendergast)

ROTHERHAM (0) 0 18,803

Sheff. W: Bolder; Walden, Grant, Rushbury, Mullen, Owen (Leman), Wyde, Porterfield, Tynan, Prendergast, Bradshaw.

Rotherham: McAllister; Forrest, Breckin, Womble, Smith, Matthews, Finney, Phillips, Dawson, Goodfellow, Rhodes.

SHREWSBURY (2) 4 (Bates 2, Irvine, Hornsby)

BRADFORD C (0) 0 3,929

Shrewsbury: Wardle; Leonard, Griffin, Hornsby, Turner, Atkins, Irvine, Nixon, Lindsay, Bates, Loughnane.

Bradford: Downsbrough; Spark, Podd (Jones), Fretwell, Ratcliffe, Watson, Martinez, Dolan, Wright, Grimes, Hutchins.

SWINDON (1) 3 (Moss, Guthrie, Kamara)

PLYMOUTH (1) 1 (Binney) 9,732

Swindon: Allan; McLaughlin, Trollope, Kamara, Ford, Prophet, Moss, Stroud, Guthrie, McHale, Cunningham.

Plymouth: Barron; Smart, Uzzell, Harrison, Foster, Craven, Johnson, Megson, Binney, Horswill, Rogers.

WALSALL (1) 3 (Buckley 2, 1 pen., Wood)

CHESTER (0) 0 4,990

Walsall: Kearns; Macken, Caswell, Harrison, Serella, Shelton, Dennehy, Bates, Wood, Buckley, King.

Chester: Lloyd; Nickeas, Walker, Storton, Delgado, Oakes, Crossley, Jeffries, Kearney, Edwards (I), Phillips.

WREXHAM (3) 3 (McNeil, Whittle, Thomas)

CARLISLE (0) 1 (McCartney pen.) 10,589

Wrexham: Davies; Hill, Dwyer, Davis, Cegielski, Thomas, Shinton, Sutton, McNeil, Whittle, Cartwright.

Carlisle: Ross; Collins, McCartney, Carr, Lathan, Parker, McVitie, Bonnyman, Tait, Rafferty, Hamilton.

FOURTH DIVISION

BOURNEMOUTH (0) 0

SWANSEA (1) 1 (Charles) 5,552

Bournemouth: Chalk; Butler, Miller, Cunningham, Impey, Cave, Johnson, Showers, Howarth, Lennard (Paterson), Barton.

Swansea: Barber; Evans, Morris, Lally, May, Bartley, Chappell, James (R), Moore (G), Charles, Moore (K).

BRENTFORD (2) 3 (Phillips pen., Alder, Baldwin)

NEWPORT (2) 3 (Preece pen., Williams 2) 8,970

Brentford: Bond; Shrubbs, Allen, Salman, Kruse, Lloyd, Graham (W), Baldwin, Alder, Sweetzer, Phillips.

Newport: Plumley; Derrett, Byrne, Emanuel, Jones, Aizlewood, Walker (S), Goddard, Clark, Preece, Williams.

CREWE (1) 1 (Purdie)

HUDDERSFIELD (1) 1 (Johnson) 3,117

Crewe: Crudgington; Collier (Davies, W.), Cheetham, Lugg, Bowles, Bevan, Davies (D), Roberts, Purdie, Coyne, McGinley.

Huddersfield: Starling; Sweeney, Sandercock, Holmes, Baines, Fowler (Eccles), Butler, Branagan, Mountford, Johnson, Gray.

HALIFAX (1) 1 (Horsfall)

STOCKPORT (0) 1 (Summerbee) 4,036

Halifax: Gennoe; Flavell, Loska, Smith (S), Dunleavy, Trainer, Horsfall, Carroll, Bullock, Lawson (Bradley), Bell.

Stockport: Rogan; Lawler, Rutter, Fletcher, Loadwick, Smith, Summerbee, Halford, Park, Prudham, Massey (McBeth).

HARTLEPOOL (0) 2 (Downing, Poskett)

DARLINGTON (0) 1 (Wann, pen.) 5,249

Hartlepool: Livesey; Malone, Wigggett (Bielby), Gibb, Ayre, Simpkin, Linacre, Downing, Newton, Poskett, Smith (T).

Darlington: Burleigh; Crosson, Cochrane, Hague, Craig, Stone, Maitland, Lyons, Ferguson, Seal, Wann.

NORTHAMPTON (0) 2 (Tucker, Martin)

GRIMSBY (0) 1 (Liddell) 3,518

Northampton: Jayes; Tucker, Mead, Litt, Robertson, Bryant, Christie, Farrington (Martin), Stratford, Reilly, Williams.

Grimby: Wainman; Mawer, Moore, Waters, Barker, Hanvey, Lester, Liddell, Donovan, Partridge, Brolly.

SCUNTHORPE (2) 2 (Lumby 2)

YORK (1) 1 (Scott) 3,242

Scunthorpe: Crawford; Davy, Peacock, Oates, Czuczman, Bridges, Heron, O'Donnell, Keeley, Lumby, Wigg.

York: Brown; Clements, Hutt, Scott, Topping, James, Novacki, Young, Randall, McDonald, Staniforth.

SOUTHEND (2) 3 (Parker, Morris, Laverick)

ALDRERSHOT (0) 1 (Youlden) 9,819

Southend: Rafter; Moody, Banks, Laverick, Yates, Young, Morris, Foggon, Parker, Fell, Hadley.

Aldershot: Johnson; Earls, Wooler, Dixon, Youlden, Jopling, Crosby, Hooper, Needham, Dungworth, McGregor.

SOUTHPORT (1) 1 (Birchall)

BARNLEY (0) 1 (Higham o.g.) 2,449

Southport: Harrison; Higham, Kisby, O'Neil, Brooks, Fisher, Birchall, Wilson, Brookfield, Gay, Jones.

Barnley: Springett; Murphy, Collins (Hinch), Pugh, Saunders, McCarthy, Warnock, Joicey, Peachey, Little, Brown.

TORQUAY (2) 2 (Vassallo, Boulton)

WATFORD (1) 3 (Mayes 2, Bolton) 6,228

Torquay: Lee; Twitchin, Parsons, Vassallo, Green, Darke, Tomlin, Boulton, Dunne, Brown, Cofhill.

Watford: Rankin; Geidmintis, Pritchett, Booth, Bolton, Garner, Downes, Mayes, Jenkins, Joslyn, Pollard (Blissett).

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 28

FIRST DIVISION

NEWCASTLE (0) 0
NOTTAM FOREST (1) 2 (Needham, McGovern) 40,735
 Newcastle: Carr; Nattrass, Barker, Cassidy, Bird, Blackhall, Martin, Burns, Connell (Barrowclough), Craig (T), Robinson.
 Nottam F: Shilton; Anderson, Barrett, McGovern, Needham, Burns, O'Neill, Gemmill, Withe (Bowyer), Woodcock, Robertson.

SECOND DIVISION

CARDIFF (2) 4 (Bishop, Buchanan 2, Robson) 8,272
MILLWALL (0) 1 (Brisley, pen.)
 Cardiff: Healey; Dwyer, Pethard, Campbell, Pontin, Larmour, Giles, Buchanan, Robson, Bishop, Attley.
 Millwall: Goddard; Donaldson, Moore, Brisley, Kitchener (Lee), Hazell, Cross, Seaman, Tagg, Hamilton, Chambers.

FULHAM (2) 2 (Money, Margerrison) 21,695
BRIGHTON (0) 1 (Maybank)
 Fulham: Peyton; Evans, Strong, Money, Lacy, Hatter, Greenaway, Gale, Mitchell, Evan-son, Margerrison.
 Brighton: Steele; Cattlin (Mellor), Williams, Horton, Rollings, Lawrenson, Towner, Ward, Maybank, Clark, O'Sullivan.

FOURTH DIVISION

READING (2) 4 (Kearns 2, Earles, Scott o.g.) 4,838
ROCHDALE (2) 3 (Owen 2, Esser)
 Reading: Death; Peters, Lewis, Bowman, Sutton, Hiron, Earles, Nelson, Kearns, Cum-
 ming, Davies.
 Rochdale: Poole; Hallows, Green, Morrin, Scott, Boslem, Owen, Scaife, Melledew, O'Loughlin, Esser.

WIMBLEDON (2) 3 (Galliers, Leslie, Parsons) 2,032
DONCASTER (2) 3 (O'Callaghan, Snodin, Laid-law pen.)
 Wimbledon: Guy; Bryant, Galvin, Donald-son, Edwards, Bassett, Galliers, Denny, Sum-
 merill, Parsons, Leslie.
 Doncaster: Peacock; Robinson, Reed, Laid-law, Owen, Taylor, Miller, O'Callaghan, Hab-bin, Snodin, Bentley.

FRIDAY, DEC. 30

SECOND DIVISION

FULHAM (0) 0
OLDHAM (1) 2 (Taylor, Young) 10,099
 Fulham: Peyton; Evans, Strong, Money, Lacy, Hatter, Greenaway, Gale, Mitchell, Evan-son, Margerrison.
 Oldham: Platt; Wood, Holt, Bell, Hicks, Hurst, Valentine, Taylor, Halom, Chapman, Young.

THIRD DIVISION

TRANMERE (2) 2 (Allen, Peplow) 4,677
PORTSMOUTH (0) 0
 Tranmere: Johnson; Mathias, Flood, Parry, Philpotts, Evans, Peplow, Palios, Moore, Tynan, Allen.
 Portsmouth: Figgins; Denyer, Wilson, Rug-giero, Foster, Hand, Pullar, Kemp, Gilchrist, Stokes (Pollock), Mellows.

FOURTH DIVISION

STOCKPORT (0) 2 (Prudham, Massey pen.) 5,241
BOURNEMOUTH (0) 1 (Cave)
 Stockport: Rogan; Lawler, Rutter, McBeth, Loadwick, Smith, Summerbee, Halford, Park, Prudham, Massey.
 Bournemouth: Chalk; Butler, Miller, Cunningham, Impey, Cave, Johnson, Paterson, Howarth, Lennard, Barton.

SATURDAY, DEC. 31

FIRST DIVISION

BIRMINGHAM (2) 4 (Bertschin, Francis 2, Hibbitt) 19,876
CHELSEA (3) 5 (Langley 3, Garner, Walker)
 Birmingham: Montgomery; Calderwood, Pendrey, Towers, Howard, Gallagher, Page, Francis, Bertschin, Hibbitt, Dillon (Connolly).
 Chelsea: Bonetti; Harris, Wilkins (G), Britton, Droy, Wicks, Garner, Lewington, Langley, Swain, Walker.

BRISTOL C (0) 1 (Mabbutt) 31,990
NOTTAM FOREST (2) 3 (Needham, Woodcock, O'Neill)
 Bristol C: Shaw; Sweeney, Merrick, Gow, Collier, Hunter, Tainton, Ritchie, Royle, Gillies (Mabbutt), Mann.
 Forest: Shilton; Anderson, Barrett, McGovern, Needham, Burns, O'Neill, Gemmill, Withe, Woodcock, Robertson.

COVENTRY (2) 3 (Ferguson, Wallace, Yorath) 24,729
MAN. UTD (0) 0
 Coventry: Blyth; Beck, McDonald, Gooding, Roberts, Yorath, Graydon, Powell, Ferguson, Wallace, Hutchison.
 Man. U: Roche; Nicholl, Houston (McGrath), McIlroy, Greenhoff (B), Buchan, Coppell, Greenhoff (J), Ritchie, Macari, Hill.



Liverpool's most expensive signing Kenny Dalglish netted for The Reds against New-castle at St. James' Park.

EVERTON (1) 2 (Latchford, King) 47,039
ARSENAL (0) 0
 Everton: Wood; Darracott, Pejic, Lyons, Kenyon, Ross, King, Dobson, Latchford, McKenzie, Thomas.
 Arsenal: Jennings; Rice, Nelson, Price, O'Leary, Young, Brady, Sunderland, Mac-donald, (Simpson), Stapleton, Rix.

IPSWICH (1) 1 (Mariner) 20,816
DERBY (2) 2 (Ryan, George)
 Ipswich: Cooper; Burley, Tibbott, Talbot, Hunter, Osman, Mills, Viljoen, Mariner, Geddis, Gates.
 Derby: Middleton; Langan, Daniel, Daly, Hunt, Todd, Curran, Powell, Masson, George, Ryan (Chesters).

MAN. CITY (0) 2 (Barnes, Kidd) 46,074
ASTON VILLA (0) 0
 Man.C: Corrigan; Clements, Donachie, Booth, Watson, Owen, Barnes, Bell, Kidd, Hart-ford, Tuart.
 Villa: Rimmer; Gidman, Smith, Phillips, McNaught, Mortimer, Deehan, Little, Gray, Gregory, Carrodus.

MIDDLESBROUGH (1) 2 (Cummins, Arm-strong) 15,646
NORWICH (1) 2 (Suggett, Ryan)
 Middlesbrough: Cuff; Craggs, Bailey, Sou-ness, Hickton, Ramage, McAndrew, Cummins, Ashcroft, Mills, Armstrong.
 Norwich: Keelan; Bond, Sullivan, Ryan, Jones, Powell, Neighbour, Reeves, Gibbins, Suggett, Peters.

NEWCASTLE (0) 0
LIVERPOOL (0) 2 (Thompson, Dalglish) 35,302
 Newcastle: Carr; Blackhall, Barker, Barrowc-lough (Martin), McCaffery, Nattrass, Burns, Hudson, Larnach, Craig (T), Robinson.
 Liverpool: Clemence; Neal, Jones, Thomp-son, Kennedy, Hughes, Dalglish, McDermott, Highway, Fairclough, Callaghan.

Q.P.R. (1) 1 (Shanks) 16,067
WOLVES (1) 3 (Bell 2, Daley)
 Q.P.R.: Richardson; Shanks, Gillard, Hollins, Howe, Cunningham, James, Francis, Eastoe (McGee), Bowles, Givens.
 Wolves: Bradshaw; Daly, Parkin, Daley, Hazell, McAlle, Hibbitt, Carr, Richards, Bell, Black.

W.B.A. (0) 1 (Brown (T) pen.) 24,249
LEEDS (0) 0
 W.B.A.: Godden; Mulligan, Robson, Brown (T), Wile, Robertson, Martin, Brown (A), Regis, Trewick, Johnston.
 Leeds: Stewart; Cherry, Gray (F), Lorimer, McQueen, Madeley, Harris, Hankin, Jordan, Flynn, Graham.

WEST HAM (2) 3 (McDowell, Hales, Cross) 25,455
LEICESTER (0) 2 (Kember, Sims)
 West Ham: Ferguson; McDowell, Lampard, Bonds, Taylor (T), Curbishley, Devonshire, Robson, Cross, Brookings, Hales.
 Leicester: Wallington; Williams (Earle), Rofe, Kember, Sims, Webb, Samuels, Davies, Hughes, Kelly, Armstrong.

SECOND DIVISION

BLACKPOOL 0
ORIENT 0 6,911
 Blackpool: Ward; Gardner, Harrison, McEwan, Hart, Suddaby, Ronson, Ainscow, Walsh, Hatton, Groves.
 Orient: Jackson; Fisher, Roffey, Grealish, Hoadley, Roeder, Chiedozi, Gray, Mayo, Kitchen, Bennett.

BURNLEY 0
SUNDERLAND 0 12,649
 Burnley: Stevenson; Scott, Brennan, Hall (Smith), Rodaway, Thomson, Cochran, Noble, Fletcher, Kindon, Morley.
 Sunderland: Siddall; Henderson, Bolton, Clarke, Docherty, Ashurst, Kerr, Arnott, Green-wood, (Lee), Rowell, Rostron.

CARDIFF (1) 1 (Berry o.g.) 8,488
CHARLTON (0) 0
 Cardiff: Healey; Dwyer, Pethard, Campbell, Pontin, Larmour, Giles, Buchanan, Williams, Bishop, Attley.
 Charlton: Wood; Berry, Warman, Tydeman, Shaw, Dugdale, Powell, Gritt (Abrahams), Flanagan, Peacock, McAuley.

HULL (0) 2 (Bannister, Dobson) 8,134
SHEFF. UTD (2) 3 (Stainrod 2, Edwards)
 Hull: Wealands; Nisbet, DeVries, Galvin, Dobson, Roberts, Hawker, Haigh, Bannister, Hawley, Stewart.
 Sheff. U: Brown; Cutbush, Calvert, Ken-worthy, Colquhoun, Flynn, Woodward, Long-horn, Edwards, Stainrod, Hamilton.

LUTON (1) 1 (Boersma) 13,200
BRIGHTON (0) 0
 Luton: Aleksic; Price, Buckley, West, Carr, Jones, Stein, Hill, Fitcher (R), Fuccillo, Boersma.
 Brighton: Steele; Cattlin (Potts), Williams, Horton, Rollings, Lawrenson, Towner, Ward, Maybank, Clark, O'Sullivan.

MANSFIELD (0) 1 (Aston) 9,291
C. PALACE (1) 3 (Sansom, Swindlehurst 2)
 Mansfield: Arnold; Bird, Foster (B), Sharkey, Foster (C), Wood, Miller, Cooke (Goodwin), Syrett, Hodgson, Aston.
 Palace: Burns; Hinshelwood (P), Sansom, Holder, Cannon, Gilbert, Nicholas, Chatterton, Swindlehurst, Bourne, Silkman (Hinshelwood M).

MILLWALL (1) 1 (Pearson) 6,720
BOLTON (0) 0
 Millwall: Johns; Donaldson, Moore, Brisley, Tagg, Hazell, Pearson, Seaman, Hamilton, Alexander, Chambers.
 Bolton: McDonagh; Ritson, Nicholson, Greaves, Walsh, Allardye, Morgan, What-more, Train, Reid, Worthington.

NOTTS CO (0) 3 (Bradd 2, Hooks) 4,471
BRISTOL R (1) 2 (Randall 2)
 Notts Co: McManus; McVay, O'Brien, Chap-man, Stubbs, Birchenall, Smith (Sims), Bradd, Vinter, Mann, Hooks.
 Bristol R: Jones; Aitken, Bater, Day, Taylor (S), Prince, Gould, Williams (Pulis), Randall, Stanforth, Barry.

SOUTHAMPTON (1) 1 (Boyer) 23,460
STOKE (0) 0
 Southampton: Wells; Waldron, Peach, Wil-
 liams (Hebbard), Nicholl, Pickering, Ball, Holmes, Boyer, Sharpe, MacDougall.
 Stoke: Jones; Dodd, Bowers, Kendall, Smith, Bloor, Waddington, Scott (Bakos), Cook, Busby, Crooks.

TOTTENHAM (2) 4 (Hoddle, Pratt, Lee 2)
BLACKBURN (0) 0 30,520
 Tottenham: Daines; Naylor, Holmes, Hoddle, McAllister, Perryman, Pratt, McNab, Duncan (Armstrong), Lee, Taylor.
 Blackburn: Butcher; Hird, Bailey, Metcalfe, Waddington (Mitchell), Fazackerley, Brother-
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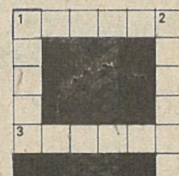
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- 1D. The Capital of Switzerland.
- 2D. Large port on west coast of Italy about 120 miles south east of Rome.



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Scotland on top

How many times have France played Scotland in full internationals?

DAVID SPENCE,
ABERDEEN.

● Seven times, David. In Paris, the Scots won 2-0 in 1930, 3-1 in 1932, and 1-0 in 1950 — losing 0-3 there in 1948. At Hampden, the Scots won 2-0 in 1949, and 1-0 in 1951.

In the World Cup, in Sweden in 1958, France won 2-1.

Sunderland

As a keen Sunderland fan, I'd like to know if my club has played more First Division games than any other?

ROBIN BOND,
Co. DURHAM

● They've played 2,484 games (1,039 wins; 556 draws; 889 defeats).

All the same, that's beaten by three other clubs. Up to the start of this season, Everton had played 2,864 First Division games, Liverpool 2,840, and Aston Villa 2,570.

Rovers v. 'Pool

I've found an old Bristol Rovers' programme for a game v. Liverpool on 4th April, 1961, and would like to know who won.

IAN ROSSITER,
BRISTOL.

● Rovers won that Easter Tuesday Second Division game by 4-3, Ian — gaining revenge for a 3-0 defeat up at Anfield on the Good Friday.

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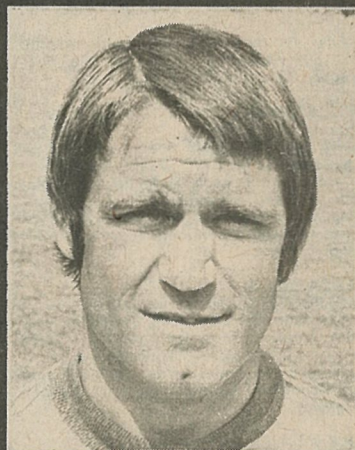
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Saint David

Did Dave Webb ever play for Southampton?

D. LEE,
WALSLEY



● He did indeed — Dave (above), moved there from Orient in March, 1966.

Then it was on to Chelsea (February, 1968), Q.P.R. (June, 1974), and now Leicester (September, 1977).

Near neighbours

Can you tell me which famous League clubs have their grounds nearest to each other?

RICHARD CHANDLER,
LONDON, S.E.1

● Well, Richard, Liverpool and Everton are pretty close — geographically, any way! — but Scotland easily provides the winner here.

Dens Park and Tannadice Park — the grounds of Dundee and Dundee United — are actually in the same street.

West Brom double

Has a Second Division club ever gained promotion, and won the F.A. Cup, in the same season?

TOM MOLONEY,
EIRE.

● Yes, Tom, West Bromwich did just that in 1930-31.

They finished second to Everton to gain promotion to the First Division, and they beat neighbours Birmingham 2-1 at Wembley to win the F.A. Cup.

SHORT PASSES

● Great Britain won the Olympic Games soccer Gold Medal in both 1908 and 1912.

(GARY SCOTT, Dundee)

● Q.P.R.'s original name, until 1887, was St. Jude's.

(ALISTAIR GIBB, Cranleigh)

● Johan Cruyff made his full international debut for Holland v. Hungary on 7th September, 1966.

(PAUL NEWEL, Guernsey)

● Allan Clarke has played in 19 full, and six Under-23, England internationals.

(KEVIN FOSTER, Telford)

● Since modernisation, the capacity of Chelsea's ground at Stamford Bridge is approximately 60,000.

(PHILIP JAMES, Ascot)

● The original Manchester United club played under the name of Newton Heath until 1902.

(PADRAIG O'GRADY, Eire)

Our Expert would like to point out that although all letters are read, he can only reply to published questions because of shortage of time.

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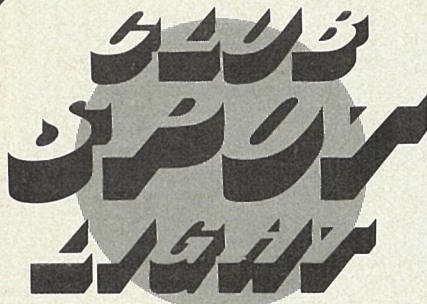
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CARDIFF City left it late last season in their bid to avoid relegation — too late as far as the strained nerves of City supporters were concerned. They managed a 0-0 draw at Carlisle in the very last match of the season to miss the drop into the Third Division.

Now Cardiff, who treat life in the Second Division like a game of Russian roulette, are once again struggling to keep their heads above water.

The quick Third Round exit from the F.A. Cup at the hands of Ipswich Town this month could be a blessing in disguise. To use a well-worn phrase, they can now concentrate on the League. But our sympathy lies with manager Jimmy Andrews who strives to keep Cardiff going despite past boardroom rumbles that must have sounded like a volcano erupting under the likeable Scot.

GROUND:
Ninian Park.

SIZE OF PITCH:
112 yards by 76 yards.

TELEPHONE No:
Cardiff 28501/33230.

COLOURS:
Blue shirts with yellow and white stripe on chest. Blue shorts with yellow and white stripe down sides. Blue stockings with single yellow and white bands on turn-down.

CARDIFF CITY

PEN-PICTURES

(L. App:— League Appearances; G:— Goals; S:— Substitutes; All records to the end of the 1976-77 season)

BRIAN ATTLEY: Defender signed professional in August, 1973. Born Cardiff. Ht. 5.8. Wt. 10.4. L. App:— 46 and 3 sub. G:— 1.

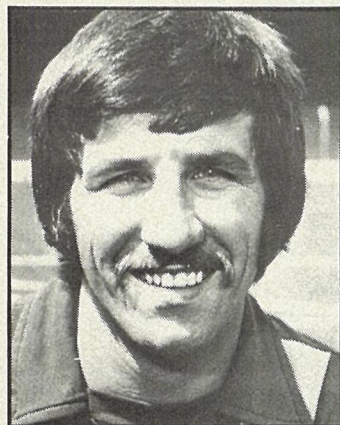
RAY BISHOP: Young striker who made his League debut in the 1977-78 season after signing professional in January, 1977.

JOHN BUCHANAN: Experienced midfielder signed from Northampton Town in October, 1974. Born Dingwell. Ht. 5.9. Wt. 10.7. L. App:— Northampton 104 and 10 sub, Cardiff 83 and 6 sub. G:— Northampton 25, Cardiff 16.

ALAN CAMPBELL: A Scottish Under-23 international midfielder signed from Birmingham City in March, 1976. Born Arbroath. Ht. 5.8. Wt. 10.7. L. App:— Charlton 196 and 2 sub, Birmingham 39 and 1 sub, Cardiff 35. G:— Charlton 28, Birmingham 6, Cardiff 2.

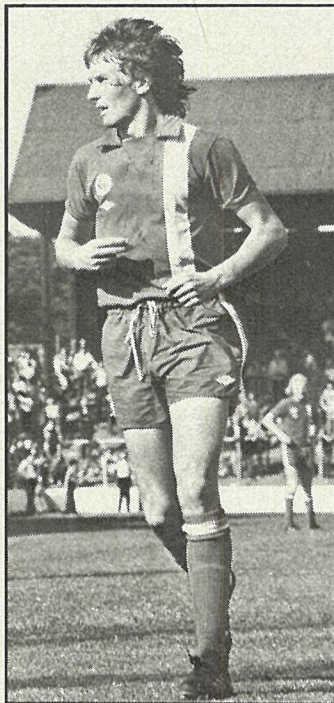
PHIL DWYER: Has skippered the Welsh Under-23 side and is a very versatile player. Phil has played at centre-back, defensive midfielder and as a striker. Born Cardiff. Ht. 5.11. Wt. 11.4. L. App:— 191. G:— 17.

TONY EVANS: Striker signed on a free transfer from Blackpool in June, 1975, and has been top scorer in the past two seasons for City. Born Liverpool. Ht. 5.8. Wt. 11.7. L. App:— Blackpool 4 and 2 sub, Cardiff 78 and 1 sub. G:— Cardiff 36.



ALAN CAMPBELL

ALBERT LARMOUR



DAVID GILES: Midfielder who has won Welsh Youth and Under-21 honours. Born Cardiff. Ht. 5.5. Wt. 10.4. L. App:— 22 and 5 sub. G:— 2.

STEVE GRAPES: Striker signed from Norwich City in October, 1976. Now playing in midfield for Cardiff. Born Norwich. Ht. 5.6. Wt. 9.6. L. App:— Norwich 34 and 7 sub, Bournemouth (loan) 7, Cardiff 22 and 3 sub. G:— Norwich 3, Bournemouth 1.

RON HEALEY: Goalkeeper signed from Manchester City in April, 1974. Born Manchester. Ht. 5.11. Wt. 11.3. L. App:— Man. City 30, Coventry (loan) 3, Preston (loan) 6, Cardiff 78.

BILL IRWINE: Goalkeeper signed in October, 1971, from Bangor. Born Newtownards in Northern Ireland. Ht. 6.2. Wt. 13.9. L. App:— 160.

ALBERT LARMOUR: Defender signed professional in July, 1972. Born Belfast. Ht. 5.10. Wt. 11.2. L. App:— 111 and 2 sub.

FRED PETHARD: Defender signed professional in August, 1969, after being given a free transfer by Celtic. Missed part of last term with a broken arm. Born Glasgow. Ht. 5.9. Wt. 10.4. L. App:— 114 and 5 sub.

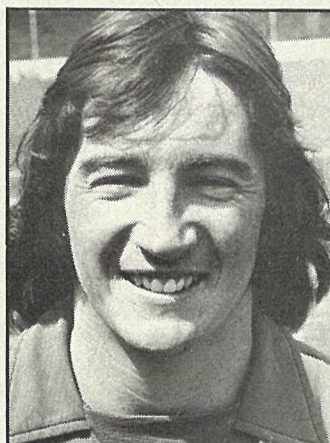
KEITH PONTIN: Young defender given his League chance by Cardiff in the 1976-77 season. Born Pontyclun. Ht. 6.1. Wt. 11.7. L. App:— 7.

KEITH ROBSON: Striker signed from West Ham in August, 1977. Born Hetton-le-Hole. Ht. 5.9½. Wt. 9.12. L. App:— Newcastle 14, West Ham 65 and 3 sub. G:— Newcastle 3, West Ham 13.

PETER SAYER: Striker who followed up winning Welsh Under-21 appearances by becoming a regular member of the full Welsh team. Signed professional in July, 1973. Born Cardiff. Ht. 5.6. Wt. 10.2. L. App:— 51 and 11 sub. G:— 10.

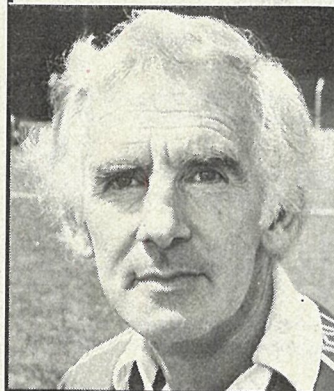
ROD THOMAS: Defender who added to his 47 full Welsh caps this season. Signed from Derby County in November, 1977. Born Glyncorrwg. Ht. 6.0. Wt. 12.10. L. App:— Swindon 296, Derby 87. G:— Swindon 5, Derby 2.

PAUL WENT: Central-defender signed from Portsmouth in October, 1976. Born London. Ht. 6.0. Wt. 12.10. L. App:— Orient 48 and 2 sub, Charlton 160 and 2 sub, Fulham 58, Portsmouth 92, Cardiff 30. G:— Orient 5, Charlton 15, Fulham 3, Portsmouth 5, Cardiff 2.



PETER SAYER

JIMMY Andrews (below) was an entertaining winger who played for Dundee, West Ham and Queens Park Rangers before becoming a coach. As such he saw service with Queens Park Rangers, Chelsea, Luton, Coventry and Tottenham Hotspur. It was from White Hart Lane that Cardiff went for Andrews to become coach at Ninian Park. He took over as Cardiff manager in 1975 when Frank O'Farrell left to direct football in Iran.



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9-2 v Thames, Division Three (South), February 6th, 1932.

RECORD DEFEAT:

2-11 v Sheffield United, Division One, January 1st, 1926.

MOST LEAGUE POINTS IN A SEASON:

66 in Division Three (South), 1946-47.

HIGHEST LEAGUE SCORER IN A SEASON:

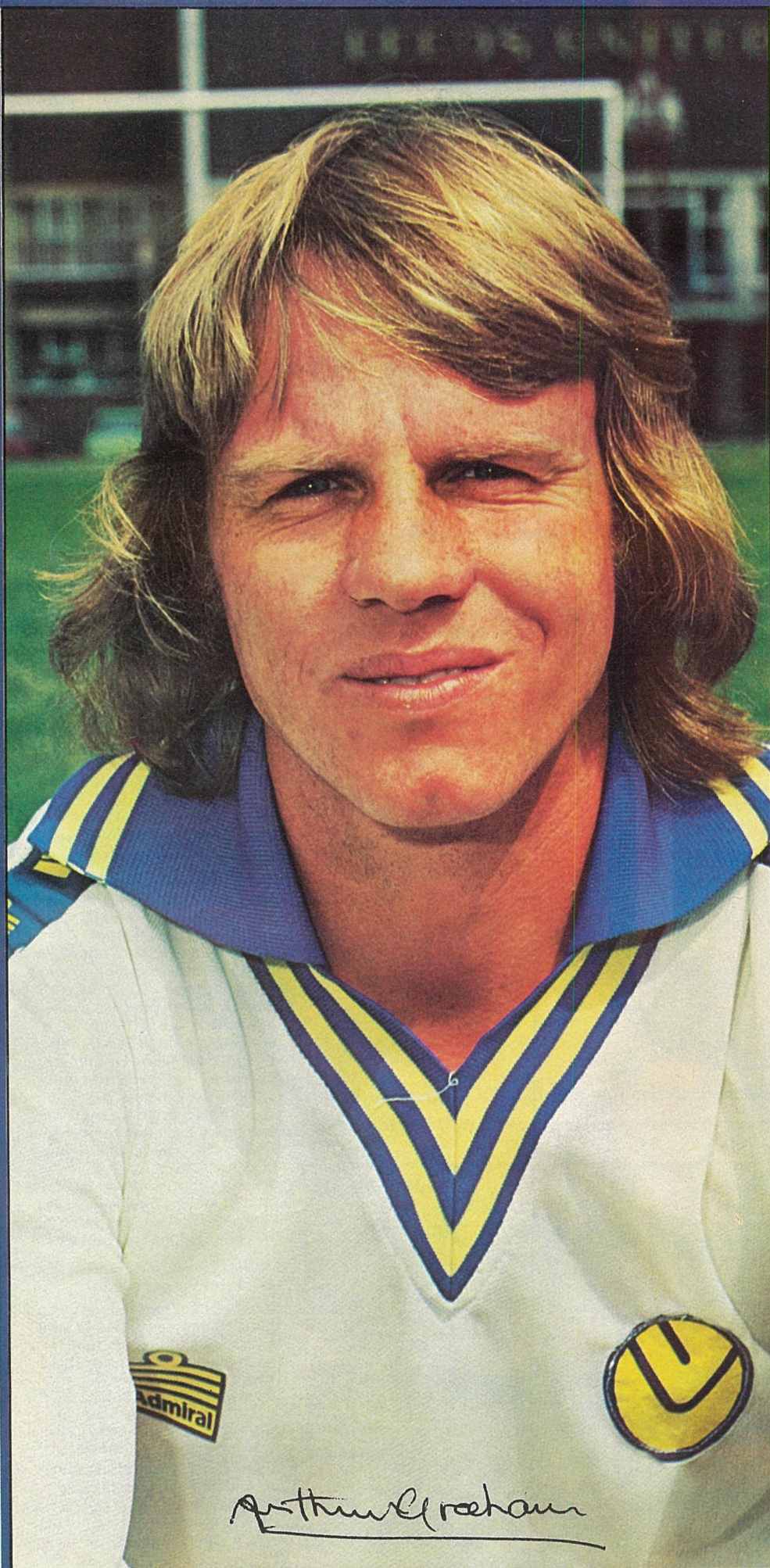
Stan Richards, 31 in Division Three (South), 1946-47.

CARDIFF CITY



BACK ROW (left to right): Alan Sealey (coach), Alan Campbell, Tony Evans, Ritchie Morgan, Ron Healey, Paul Went, Bill Irwin, Keith Pontin, Albert Larmour, John Buchanan, Ken Whitfield.

FRONT ROW: Peter Sayer, Clive Charles, Steve Grapes, Doug Livermore (now Chester), Jim Andrews (manager), Phil Dwyer, David Giles, Fred Pethard, Brian Attley.



FOCUS ON

ARTHUR GRAHAM

Leeds United

FULL NAME: Arthur Graham
BIRTHPLACE: Glasgow
BIRTHDATE: 26th October, 1952
HEIGHT: 5ft 7³/₄ins
WEIGHT: 11st 8lb
PREVIOUS CLUB: Aberdeen
MARRIED: To Lorna
CHILDREN: Angela
CAR: My wife has an Escort
FAVOURITE PLAYER: Jimmy Johnstone in his Celtic days
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Aberdeen
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Danny McGrain
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: 1970 Scottish Cup Final
BIGGEST THRILL: Beating Celtic in the above game
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Being banned by Scotland (thankfully lifted now)
BEST COUNTRIES VISITED: Bermuda, Denmark
FAVOURITE FOOD: Not fussy . . . usually steak
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Golf, T.V., music (pop, of course)
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Waiting
FAVOURITE T.V. SHOWS: Top of the Pops, sports programmes
FAVOURITE SINGERS: Beatles, Elton John, Rod Stewart and many more
FAVOURITE ACTORS/ACTRESSES: None in particular
BEST FRIENDS: John Craig (Partick Thistle), the Aberdeen players and a few mates in Glasgow
BIGGEST INFLUENCES ON CAREER: Schoolteacher in Glasgow, Eddie Turnbull, Teddy Scott, Jimmy Bonithrone and Ally MacLeod (all Aberdeen)
BIGGEST DRAG IN SOCCER: Injuries
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: A few Youth and Under-23 caps
PERSONAL AMBITION: To be happy
PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To do well with Leeds
IF YOU WEREN'T A FOOTBALLER WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'D BE? A supporter
WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET? Whoever hands over the Cups at Wembley

SHOOT!

MENOTTI: I'm glad I did a tour of Europe, watching some of the most important games. I consider it vitally important to observe European sides playing in their own environment, and playing an attacking style of football.

COUTINHO: Yes, I think that last point is very important. We in Brazil played a series of matches against European teams in June and July, but they all played a defensive type of game which they won't be able to use in the World Cup Finals if they want to win. Against Brazil, Yugoslavia were the only side to play attacking football, and they haven't qualified. Even West Germany played for a draw — though they almost snatched a win when Luiz Pereira made a bad mistake just before the end.

MENOTTI: You and I have a similar problem, Claudio. Some of our top players are with European clubs. Do you think you'll recall Luiz Pereira from Atletico Madrid?

COUTINHO: I'm going to watch him a couple of times while I'm over there, and then make up my mind. He's definitely a world-class player, and it'd be hard to leave him out. Who are you going to recall from Europe?

MENOTTI: Like you, I went to watch a few players and then tried to make up my mind. Part of the problem is reaching an agreement with their clubs. Someone like Mario Kempes will slot into the side very quickly, but he's an exception. I reckon defenders and midfielders will need about two months to adapt to Argentina's style of play — and the clubs aren't happy about releasing their players that early. How are your preparations going?

COUTINHO: All right. Our most recent match was a friendly against Milan. We won 3-0, but it wasn't really the type of test we wanted. We arranged the game with Milan because we wanted to practise against some typical Italian man-to-man marking. They must have got wind of this because at the last minute they switched to marking by zones — and that's why we won so comfortably. Still, I was able to try out a couple of new players, and I thought Edinho for example did a good job of marking their right-winger.

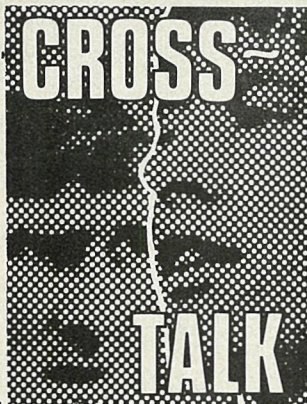
MENOTTI: Talking about right-wingers, what's happened to your right flank striker Gil? He was a regular last year, but now he's disappeared.

COUTINHO: It's a typical Brazilian story. The Press got their knife into him, and now the fans have turned against him. He's really gone to pieces, and I don't know if he'll ever be the same again.

MENOTTI: I remember something similar when I was in Brazil during the preparations for the 1970 World Cup. The Press started slamming Jairzinho — really slating him. But in the event he was one of the key players in Mexico. I think one of your key players in Argentina could be Toninho Cerezo. He impresses me

World Cup CROSS-

THE two World Cup managers with the most pressures are Cesar Luis Menotti (Argentina) and Claudio Coutinho (Brazil). As hosts, Argentina are expected to do very well, while Brazil are always tipped to win, regardless. Argentine soccer magazine *El Grafico* brought these two South American managers together to discuss various aspects of the forthcoming Finals, including...



THE CHALLENGE FROM EUROPE

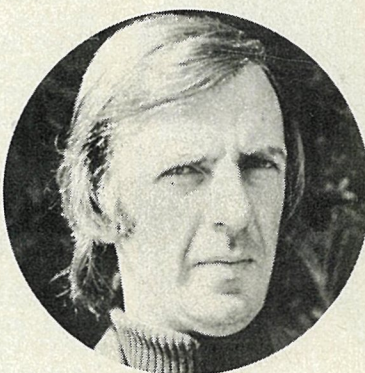
a lot, and I rate him as better than Clodoaldo at his peak.

COUTINHO: Yes, I agree. A lot of people criticised me when I selected Toninho Cerezo, and insisted Falcao was better. But I persisted and now no one argues with me. At the moment my main worry is Zico, who's going through a patch of bad form. I think he's beginning to pull out of it now — at least I hope so.

MENOTTI: It must be great to have a man like Rivelino in your team. He seems to get better and better.

COUTINHO: Yes, these days he's more responsible, more of a team man. He works a lot harder, too. I think Carlos Babington could do a similar job for Argentina, even though he's playing in the West German Second Division. Are you going to recall him?

MENOTTI: He's a great player, and



Cesar Luis Menotti (Argentina) and Claudio Coutinho (Brazil)

Both managers think Holland (below, Neeskens scores v. West Germany) will once again be a real threat.



my contacts in Germany tell me he's in great form. But his position in midfield isn't one of my main headaches at the moment.

COUTINHO: Who do you rate as the top European teams?

MENOTTI: I think West Germany and Holland are the two outstanding teams at the moment. I saw Holland beat Belgium and I was most impressed. Apart from Cruyff, the player who took my eye was the midfielder Willy Van der Kerkhof. He defends, creates and shoots at goal. He does everything. Of course, Cruyff was the one who controlled the rhythm of their play, and it remains to be seen what they're like if he sticks to his word and doesn't play in Argentina. But it's definitely not a one-man team.

There aren't just three or four men who do all the running — they all work for each other all the time, and their constant changes of position are a lesson we can all learn from. I mean, it only takes them three or four seconds to switch from defence to attack and vice-versa.

I think if anything Holland have lost a bit of attacking bite since 1974, because Cruyff plays much deeper these days and Rensenbrink seems to have lost some of his 'zip'. But they're still a great side, and must be among the favourites in the Finals. The other country that's impressed me is Poland. And Hungary are going to be a tough proposition. Brazil might give us a few problems as well! Tell me Claudio, I remember getting very excited about a young Brazilian player called Adao. What's happened to him?

COUTINHO: Funny you should say that! He's with my former club Flamengo now! What happened was he had a really bad leg-fracture and was out of action for 18 months. We signed him from Santos for \$250,000 while he was still in hospital. He's playing again now, but it'll take him a while to get into the running for the national team. I remember he played a blinder in a friendly against the Cosmos. We slaughtered them, though we were only 2-1 up at half-time. During the interval the Cosmos directors came to see us in the dressing-rooms asking us to ease off. "Business, business", they kept saying. As it was a friendly, we eased off, but we still won 4-1!

MENOTTI: Who are your favourites for next June?

COUTINHO: The same as yours I think. Holland particularly, and Poland. But the things that worry me more than any of the other teams are the climate — as we were drawn in Mar del Plata — and the referees. You realise there aren't any South Americans on the Referees' Commission?

MENOTTI: Oh, I wouldn't worry too much about that if I were you. The weather won't be too terrible, and Mar del Plata is usually drier than in Buenos Aires. As for the refs, well, I don't think anything 'funny' can happen.

IRAN—"WORLD CHAMPIONS"

IRAN were the most successful team in the world during 1977. A "World League", giving two points for a win and one for a draw, shows Iran at the top of the list.

They were undefeated in their 13 games and conceded just four goals. The Asian World Cup representatives could well surprise a few "big guns" in Argentina.

Hungary — my tip as World Cup outsiders — also had a good year; while Holland, although below Scotland and England, had the highest success rate of any country — five wins in six matches.

Of course, the "League" is not a true indication of a country's strength, but it does give a good idea of form over the past year.

Brazil, unbeaten in 31 games, are still getting their World Cup line-up together... perhaps a defeat would have been beneficial. It'd prepare them for any setback in the World Cup Finals.

West Germany's only defeat was in France, while Austria's figures are impressive.



RIGHT... Iran in action against Australia during a World Cup qualifying game. Iran won 1-0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Iran	13	9	4	0	19	4	22
Hungary	16	9	3	4	33	22	21
Brazil	13	7	6	0	26	5	20
Mexico	11	7	3	1	32	11	17
W. Germany	11	7	3	1	23	9	17
Poland	14	7	2	5	23	21	16
DDR	10	6	3	1	19	7	15
Scotland	10	6	2	2	18	9	14
Peru	11	5	4	2	22	12	14
Austria	8	5	3	0	17	3	13
USSR	10	5	2	3	17	8	12
Argentina	10	4	4	2	15	10	12
England	11	4	4	3	13	7	12
Holland	6	5	1	0	10	1	11
France	8	4	3	1	12	4	11
Tunisia	10	5	1	4	13	11	11
Bulgaria	10	4	3	3	12	11	11
Italy	7	5	0	2	16	6	10
Rumania	9	4	2	3	18	12	10
Denmark	9	5	0	4	17	16	10
Yugoslavia	14	4	2	8	17	24	10
Spain	6	4	1	1	7	3	9
Wales	8	2	4	2	6	5	8
Sweden	10	4	0	6	9	14	8
Portugal	4	3	1	0	9	3	7
Czechoslovakia	8	3	1	4	7	9	7
Switzerland	9	3	1	5	7	13	7
N. Ireland	8	2	1	5	7	13	5
Finland	8	2	1	5	6	16	5
Greece	10	1	3	6	3	19	5
Eire	5	1	2	2	2	3	4
Iceland	6	2	0	4	4	12	4
Turkey	8	2	0	6	7	11	4
Norway	6	1	1	4	4	8	3
Belgium	6	1	0	5	5	9	2
Cyprus	3	0	0	3	2	8	0
Luxembourg	4	0	0	4	0	11	0
Malta	6	0	0	6	1	25	0

GOAL-SHY WONDERS

Here are the Goal-Shy Wonders up to the Christmas break... teams who have scored fewer goals than games they've played, which means an average of less than one goal per match.

Austria	None
Belgium	None
Bulgaria	JSK Spartak, Cernomore Varna, P. Blagoevgrad, Lokomotiv Sofia
Czechoslovakia	None
East Germany	Sachsenring Zwickau, Union Berlin
England	Chelsea, Norwich, Leicester
France	None
Greece	Panseraikos, Panionios, Olimpiakos, Ethnikos
Holland	None
Hungary	None
Italy	Foggia, Torino, Inter Milan, Verona, Atalanta
Luxembourg	None
Poland	Lech Poznan, Lodz SK, Slask Wroclaw, Arka Gdynia, Ruch Chorzow, Szombiersi
Portugal	Os Belenenses
Scotland	None
Spain	None
Switzerland	None
Turkey	Ankaragucu, Mersin, Orduspor, Samsunspor, Adanaspor
West Germany	None
Yugoslavia	Radnicki Nis

'NO' TO FRANZ

THE West German authorities have turned down a request from Franz Beckenbauer and the Cosmos that he plays for 1860 Munich for a couple of months before the American season starts again.

This would have been very interesting — Franz playing for Bayern's rivals. But the German F.A. "does not like temporary transfers."

 * THE manager of the Greek national *
 * team, Panagoulas, has asked the F.A. *
 * to give every member of his selection *
 * an extra £150 per month to "increase *
 * the interest of our international foot- *
 * ballers." *
 * Should make the boss popular with *
 * his players if nothing else. *

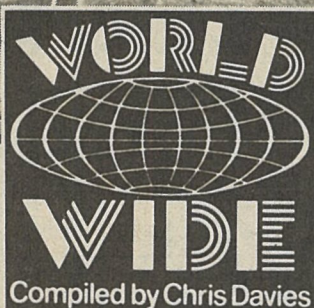
MSV Duisburg, the West German team, could supply players for THREE World Cup Finalists.

They are: Kurt Jara (Austria), Kees Bregman (Holland) and Bernhard Dietz (West Germany).

NOT SO TERRIFIC

ANDERLECHT received a letter from the one and only Ferenc Puskas offering the club "a terrific Peruvian" by the name of Jorge Peredo. On the lookout for new players, the Brussels club invited Peredo for a trial.

Afterwards, Peredo said: "It's cold and wet here. I don't like it at all." But Anderlecht coach Raymond Goethals commented: "He's not even good enough for our reserves..."



MARIO Zagalo has left his post as national manager of Kuwait to take over at Botafogo. His salary with the Brazilian club will be \$3,500 per month (plus a car up to the value of \$5,000) with a bonus of \$8,000 if they win the Rio Championship.

HECTIC SCHEDULE IN ARGENTINA

SOME of Argentina's World Cup stars are really being worked to the bone, and there's concern they may "burn themselves out" before the World Cup Finals kick-off in June.

Since last September they have been playing two League matches per week up to the end of the Metropolitan Championship, and the National Championship, with 32 teams taking part, is now also being played at breakneck speed.

APPARENTLY Ruud Geels, the Ajax striker, doesn't want to go to Argentina with Holland. He's "lost interest."

BIG MONEY IN SPAIN

THE members of Spain's World Cup squad have demanded a basic fee of £7,000 a man for taking part in the Finals of the competition this June. They also want a day-to-day expense allowance and (naturally) hefty win bonuses.

Meanwhile Real Madrid have increased their players' monthly salaries to £600 a man. It's now difficult for a member of the Real squad to earn less than £30,000 a year.

What a Journalist needs...

THE Press Committee of the World Cup is busy sifting through the hundreds of replies from journalists all over the world.

Naturally, there have been some unusual replies — not surprising because the forms were the ultimate in red tape.

Several forms, from countries such as Mali and Malaysia, were written in local dialect.

An American reporter, obviously eager to show he was a professional, sent photocopies of Press cuttings, his union card... and a picture of him talking to Pelé.

But an English journalist takes first prize for his customs declaration (yes, we have to say what we're taking six months in advance!).

Under the "professional equipment" column, he wrote: "I shall be taking some biscuits, nuts and bottles of whisky."

THE 16 World Cup Finalists must name a squad of 40 by 17th April. The final 22 players must be named by 23rd May, eight days before the opening game in Buenos Aires.

"HEADS we win ... tails we win" that has been the very fortunate situation for the Sheffield United directors since the 27th September when they dismissed Jimmy Sirrel, as his team lay second from bottom of the Second Division, and they appointed Cec Coldwell as caretaker-manager.

B.C. (before Coldwell) the team and morale generally were flat on the canvas after only picking up three points from seven matches.

Three months later, with the board still chanting that it hoped to appoint a manager with an established reputation, very few people were listening.

All the attention was being paid to the man who had coaxed the team into a string of stirring performances and points grabbing that had archivists thumbing through the records to discover when The Blades had previously had such a good run.

Seven wins and a draw at home, one win (6-1 at Cardiff) and three draws away had earned them 20 points out of 15 matches and put them in ninth place in the League.



CEC
COLDWELL,
UNITED



JACKIE
CHARLTON,
WEDNESDAY

the 88th minute, from Pearson, making the score 1-3, distorted the truth of how close the match had been fought. Cusack had a particularly good game against the England striker.

Others have admitted how much awe surrounded Jack Charlton's appointment. Cusack remembers only too well the shambles of their first day's training under Jack.

"He met everyone in the club in the Reception Room at 11 o'clock on the first Monday morning. And I do mean everyone ... he sent for the apprentices when he noticed they were missing, and then he shook hands with the players, coaches, groundsman, cleaning ladies, everyone ... it was a family thing.

"In our first training session he wanted us to run through our free-kicks. Not one free-kick worked ... to be honest, everyone seemed stage-struck and tried to do it perfectly, and the moves didn't come off. He soon put us right, he is a terrific coach.

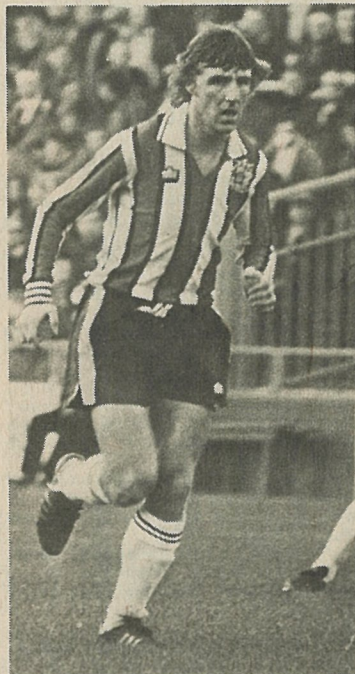
"Some people have the false impression that he is a defensive

CAN THEY LIFT THE GLOOM FROM SHEFFIELD?

On the terraces they chanted Coldwell's name. The supporters knew the biggest names in the game could not have bettered the revival.

In recognition of his achievement Coldwell was promoted to chief coach and given a rise in wages. His "real" reward was from the players. He gave them renewed respect and they responded in such a determined fashion they had many people in the City, including the directors, confused.

Jim Brown, the Scottish international goalkeeper, pulled off magnificent saves. Eddie Colquhoun, the Scottish international centre-



CHICO HAMILTON

half dominated once again in his patch. Alan Woodward became authoritative. Ian Hamilton tightened up his game. Others played their part to the full.

On match-days the players arrived with pride. Jim Smith, manager of Blackburn Rovers, summed it all up after his team had been beaten 2-0. "I was surprised by the positiveness of Sheffield United ... not many teams are going to come here and win."

The dilemma of the directors is understandable. The next manager will be their fifth in nine years and the third in four years. They took care selecting Arthur Rowley, Ken Furphy and Jimmy Sirrel and only managed a brief flirt with success.

United have certainly learned the hard way that no new man carries a guarantee of success. They know it can take a considerable time for chemistry to be created between manager and players, which is why they are taking a long hard look at Coldwell.

When the team was steam-rollered in the New Year by Arsenal 0-5 and Bolton 1-5 (the first home defeat in the League under Coldwell) he bristled at the lack of application by some of the players. He knew, the players knew, and the directors knew too, that the rebuke should have come from the manager.

The longer the appointment is put off the more likely the directors could find themselves in the position of "heads we lose ... tails we lose."

DAVE Cusack, Sheffield Wednesday's centre-half, had no doubts: "Everything must come up rosy for Wednesday now that Jack Charlton is here.

"I have already benefited from his guidance," says Dave. "I'm in a great position having a man like him, whose played so long at the top, as my coach and manager.

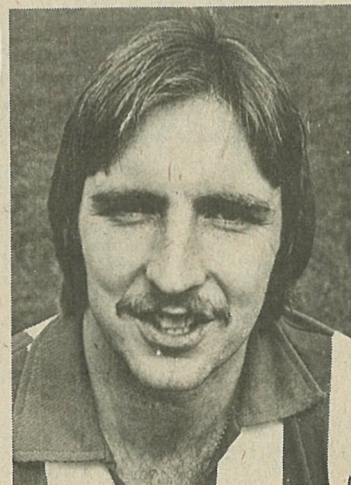
"He made it clear at the beginning that my first concern is defending. He said he didn't care if for ten games I played one touch and whacked every ball, that came my way, downfield. His main concern was we got our basic play right and only then would we start building up our football skills.

"I can tell you he does me a great deal of good ... seeing him in the same room ... knowing that such a great player is in charge of us. He is so confident himself that he breeds confidence in others."

Cusack was talking to a SHOOT reporter after the team had beaten Bury 1-0 in the F.A. Cup First Round at the end of November. On the following Tuesday he was to come up against Bob Latchford of Everton, in the League Cup Fourth Round, and he was looking forward to the duel.

"Bob is a good strong player and plays for England and one of the top teams in the country but I'm looking forward to doing my job on the night ... as Jack says, Latchford and the others have only got two legs like everyone else!"

On the night concerned 36,000 fans witnessed a sparkling display from Wednesday. A late goal, in



DAVE CUSACK

manager. He never says 'you are a back-four man so you've got to stay at the back'. He says 'if it's on ... you go ... if there's any doubt ... you stay'. If the ball is knocked wide and I feel I can run from the halfway line to get in a header or a shot, there is no way Jack would want to stop me.

"I can't see us doing anything but getting better. Some people expect the change to happen immediately but it will take time."

Time is still on Charlton's side. Whilst the club has been adjusting to him, he has been adjusting to Third Division football. With his team still struggling in the relegation zone, he declared the team needs a controller.

"Individuals are reacting only when the ball is played to them ... the picture here has become a lot clearer.

"Obviously we need a couple of players. I wasn't invited here because the job was right and so I must get it right!"

Tartan Talk DANNY McGRAIN



Partick's John Gibson is surrounded by Aberdeen players during a Premier Division clash this term.

'SUNDAY SOCCER ~FOR SOME'

LET'S get the fortnightly medical report over first! I really can report this week I feel I have made the biggest amount of progress since I stopped playing.

I won't put dates on my forecasts for returning to action because I have been disappointed so often before, but honestly, things are coming along just great.

The first week of the New Year saw me complete my first week's full training since that fateful game against Hibs and I even got down to some serious running.

My legs were a little stiff when I had finished it all, but that is only to be expected after three months of inactivity.

Stick with me, it won't be long now!

Right, that's the Dr Kildare stuff out of the way, so let's take a look round the scene and see if anyone else's life has been more exciting than mine recently.

One guy who can answer a big "yes" to that question is Scotland team-mate Joe Jordan who was transferred from Leeds United to Manchester United for £350,000.

Joe joins up with yet another posse of Scots at Old Trafford with perhaps the most famous "Scottish-English" club of all.

Old Trafford has always been a tartan stronghold and big Joe will be in class company with Argentina-bound Martin Buchan and former Celt Lou Macari.

It's a great move for the big man and I wish him all the best.

If the move makes him happy it certainly won't do Scotland's World Cup chances any harm.

I'm told Joe only scored around 47 goals in all his 200-plus games for Leeds — and a lot of people are knocking him.

That I just can't understand. There may be strikers who score more goals, but Joe Jordan has



much more to offer than just tucking the ball away.

He is a real grafter and does so much work off the ball. When big Joe goes he is likely to take a stack of men with him and leave the space for Kenny Dalglish... and that is like giving Houdini a set of keys.

He works well with Kenny. Mind you, the Liverpool man works well with anyone.

Back on the home front it was good to see so many people turn out for the holiday programme on January 2nd.

With no sport on the telly and with only five race meetings on anyway, it struck me people will turn out for football... if there aren't too many counter-attractions.

That means Sunday football and who is to say it would be such a bad idea?

My idea is for a split programme with say Celtic, Rangers, Aberdeen

and perhaps Hearts who are commanding such amazing audiences just now — 20,000 against Dundee — to play on a Saturday.

These sides will always pull in the crowds, but the rest could play on a Sunday and as well as their own supporters could perhaps attract the Old Firm fans who would be at a loose end.

I think Partick Thistle for example, could cash in on their Glasgow location if they stopped playing in competition to Rangers and Celtic.

A few years back Rangers and Dundee attracted a massive 60,000 crowd to a Scottish Cup game at Ibrox on a Sunday. The match was played that day because of the power strike situation.

It would also give the players a chance to see more games than we do now.

As it is the only matches we can get along to are midweek ones and it is not everyone who is prepared to leave his fireside on a cold winter's night after a day's training.

I often think TV football spoils things for people.

Perhaps if we stopped television football ENTIRELY for three months as an experiment, we would see just what kind of effect it really does have on the fans.

My guess is the punters would be forced back on to the terraces and then they would get their taste buds for football back.

At the moment too many people take our sport for granted.

I accept not so many people actually watch live football now, but you will never convince me the

game is any less popular.

Thousands, no, untold millions, follow the national sport in the Press and on the box week in week out without ever going near a ground.

But they will still talk about the weekend action in work on a Monday morning. And they will still tell their pals that "McGrain's a mug," or "that Ally MacLeod doesn't say much."

Anyone who knows anything about football will tell you these statements are equally untrue!

The defence of the Scottish Cup begins this Saturday when we face Dundee. A tough one this with former team-mate Tommy Gemmell looking as if he might just be leading the Tay-siders back to their rightful place in the Premier Division.

But I would rather have it that way than face, say Berwick, as Rangers have to do. In that kind of situation you are on a hiding to nothing.

We know we have to lift our game... and we will.

See you in a fortnight...

**NEXT WEEK'S TARTAN
TALK BY RANGERS'
SKIPPER JOHN GREIG**

tomorrow's crowd-pullers

SCOTLAND has often been praised as a country with the ability to unearth exciting young players, boys with rare talent. It has happened again this season as the conveyor belt turns with remarkable consistency.

No one has made a bigger impact in his first term than Rangers' midfielder Bobby Russell, an unknown only seven short months ago. He had been freed by Sunderland and was ready to play junior soccer again when Ibrox manager Jock Wallace moved in to offer him a trial. Russell impressed Wallace, was granted a first team place and he has been there since the start of the season!

Ibrox centre-half Colin Jackson says: "Bobby looks as though he has been playing in the team for years. It's difficult to believe he has just made the breakthrough.

"He is eager to learn and listens to all the advice given to him. There is no danger of his head swelling. He's far too down-to-earth for that, thank goodness. If he keeps up his rate of progress he will be around for a long time yet, I'm glad to say."

This hasn't been a particularly happy season for Champions Celtic, but one youngster who is ready to make an impact in their top team is Peter Mackie, a lad who looks and plays like Kenny Dalglish. Now that can't be bad!

Jock Stein is easing the boy into his future plans. He won't be rushed, but he has been impressive in his brief first team outings. He has played in the midfield and at full-back, but he looks certain to settle down in an attacking role. Like Dalglish, he came from junior club Cumbernauld United, and Celtic are certainly hoping lightning does strike twice in the same place.

Hearts have overcome the disappointment of last season's relegation and are now hammering back on the promotion trail. The powerhouse behind their efforts on the park is Eamonn Bannon, as modest as he is talented.

"I went part-time because I wasn't sure I could make the grade in big-time soccer," says Bannon, who is studying to be a Physical Education teacher at a Glasgow College.

"Okay, I've had a lot of praise this season and that is very nice, but I still have plenty to do. I'm still not certain whether or not I am going to make the grade."

Manager Willie Ormond, though, is convinced he has a star on his hands. He says: "The boy is so enthusiastic. He wants to be involved in everything and he expects the same of the players round about him."

In a tense promotion struggle against Hearts, Dundee boss Tommy Gemmell introduced teenager Stuart Turnbull and the new boy repaid his faith with a competent and assured display.

"The lad has the right sort of temperament," says Gemmell. "He's only 16, but plays with the maturity of someone a lot older. I gave him his chance against Hearts because he had played very well in a reserve game against left-winger Bobby Prentice, who can be a real dangerman on his day.

"I wasn't taking any chances when we came up against Hearts and Prentice again. It could be extremely vital at the end of the term."

Aberdeen have given Bobby Glennie his big chance with right-back Stewart Kennedy being injured, and the youngster is another who looks destined for the top. He knows what is expected of him and has already felt the weight of boss Billy McNeill's anger this year when he didn't stick to orders off the park.

Both Glennie and centre-half Willie Garner were dropped from the New Year fixture with Dundee United after disobeying instructions. Both were fined and Glennie now realises how tough professional soccer can be. He will learn from the incident, however, and that should make him an even better player.

St. Mirren have produced some of the finest young talent in Scotland in the past year with the likes of Frank McGarvey, Tony Fitzpatrick, Bobby Reid and Billy Stark taking the spotlight, but another to keep an eye on is Billy Abercrombie. Although Billy is not a regular in the first team at the moment.

**BOBBY RUSSELL
(RANGERS)**



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Can Berwick shock Rangers again?

RANGERS have the opportunity to wipe out the Scottish Cup's most remarkable result when they visit Shielfield Park to play Berwick Rangers on Saturday, January 28th.

Amazingly, it was exactly 11 years to the day when little Berwick shocked the soccer world with an incredible 1-0 victory over the Ibrox side, who were Cup-holders at the time.

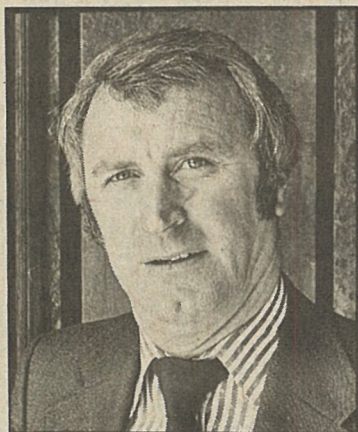
Player-manager for Berwick that day was Jock Wallace, who is now, of course, the Rangers' manager. Playing in midfield for Rangers in the opposition was Davie Smith and, ironically, he is now player-boss of Berwick!

It's going to be an intriguing struggle and Wallace says: "We all know what can happen in these Cup-ties. There is danger everywhere. We'll be out to make absolutely certain there will be no historic repeat."

Smith says: "I'm happy with a home draw and we are all looking forward to this match. We have a settled side here and we are playing consistently. We are all confident of doing well."

Rangers won't find it easy against little Berwick, who must clinch promotion to the First Division this season. It'll be difficult on the tight pitch, but the Ibrox men should get through, although there are unlikely to be a lot of goals in it.

Cup-holders Celtic will play Dun-



Jock Wallace (above) and Davie Smith (right) were in opposition when little Berwick (below, stripes) caused a sensation by beating the mighty Ibrox club 1-0.

hope I am in a happy frame of mind when I am leaving!"

This could be one of the most entertaining games of the day and Celtic are favourites to go through. One man certainly looking forward to the tussle is Parkhead striker Joe Craig. He has been having a lean time of it this season, but he was the man on the spot twice last term to score the goals which put Celtic through to the Final and send Dundee toppling at the Semi-Final hurdle.

There is only one all-Premier Division clash and that is at Pittodrie where Aberdeen meet Ayr United. Earlier this month these sides drew 1-1 at Somerset Park with ex-Don Walker McCall scoring for Ayr. Their three League games

this season have produced only three goals. It should be tight again with The Dons getting through.

There will be another interesting confrontation at Love Street where St. Mirren play Kilmarnock. Saints manager Alex Ferguson recently made a bid to sign Kilmarnock's international 'keeper Jim Stewart, but the price of £100,000 frightened him off. He then made a move for Stewart's deputy, but again the asking fee, this time £30,000, was considered too high.

Now Fergie's furies must try to beat Stewart if they are to advance into the next stage of the competition. Stewart has been playing superbly well and it won't be an easy task, but St. Mirren should have enough firepower to get through eventually.

Clydebank are on dangerous ground at Annfield where they meet Stirling Albion, who gave Celtic a rough time of it in this season's League Cup. It's not been a particularly happy term for the Bankies and their hopes of doing well in the Cup could be cut short.

Non-League side Vale of Leithen produced a major shock in the last round when they hammered League Cup Semi-Finalists Forfar 4-1. Now they face Queen's Park, but the amateurs aren't likely to be so easily taken as Forfar.

In other ties SHOOT expects these sides to win through: Partick Thistle, Arbroath, Dundee Utd, Hibs, St. Johnstone, Montrose, Hearts, Inverness Caley, Morton and Dumbarton.



NEWS FROM THE NORTH - EAST — FROM A PLAYER WITH A CLUB FIGHTING FOR PROMOTION, AND ONE WHOSE CLUB IS BATTLING AGAINST RELEGATION

IN the first five minutes of my debut at Charlton I failed to clear the ball properly in our penalty-area, and they scored. It was not an encouraging start to make in my first League game for my new club."

This is how Sunderland's 19-year-old centre-forward, Wayne Entwistle, recalls his baptism in Second Division soccer — but the strapping ex-Bury player seems to have the temperament to shrug off incidents of this sort.

Wayne joined Sunderland from Bury in November for a £30,000 fee, and Roker manager Jimmy Adamson has described him as an old-type centre-forward who is strong and works hard at his game. And when North-East supporters saw Entwistle in his home debut against Tottenham Hotspur, he certainly demonstrated these qualities.

One cannon-ball shot, and a header, forced Spurs' keeper Barry Daines to make two super saves of the kind that convinced the Sunderland fans Wayne Entwistle, former farmer's boy, has the hallmark of a future goalscorer.

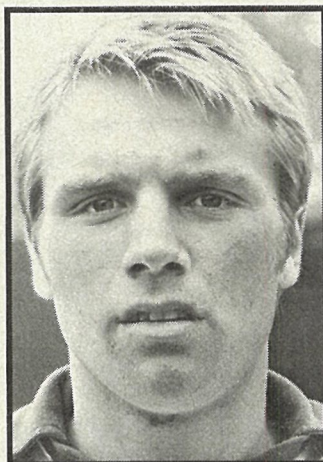
And one week earlier, in his opening match against Charlton Athletic, Wayne notched one of Sunderland's goals in their 3-2 defeat at The Valley.

He says: "I was pleased to get a goal in my debut, because I was tense in the first ten minutes. But this wore off, and I soon settled down."

"My chief ambition is to help Sunderland to reach the top, though I'm not setting myself goal targets or anything like that. There is plenty of competition here for first team places, and I'm mostly concerned with staking my claim."

Wayne signed for Bury as a schoolboy, and has always played as a centre-forward — he has never wanted to appear in any other position, and concentrates 100 per cent on football.

"I've never had any hobbies, apart from one. When I was at Bury, I enjoyed watching youngsters playing on Sundays, and passing on tips to them. Now I listen to our coaches, Dave Merrington and Stan Ternent, at our training



'My ambition—to help Sunderland reach the top'—

WAYNE ENTWISTLE

"Then in the next game at Sunderland, where I'd heard the atmosphere is usually electric, it was wonderful to have the fans solidly behind us. I didn't suffer from nerves, as the crowd gave me every encouragement."

"And Bobby Kerr, who is experienced, has been very helpful to me on the field, giving me the benefit of his advice."

"Football in the Second Division is faster than anything I've been used to, also the thinking is quicker. A big change, too, to be playing in front of 30,000 at Roker, when I had been accustomed to 5,000 gates with Bury."

Apart from the support they enjoy, Entwistle is convinced Sunderland have the ability to gain promotion this season, in spite of their discouraging start.

ground during the week. I learn from them."

"And before a match, I'm not superstitious. Though there is one thing I always do — I pull my jersey on last. But this is more of a ritual than a superstition."

"As a player, I've never tried to emulate anybody, or model my style on a particular centre-forward's. But I have always admired Joe Jordan."

In one respect, Wayne Entwistle is already something of an individualist — his hair is close-cropped. But as a centre forward, he is an individual who is intent on blending with his team-mates.

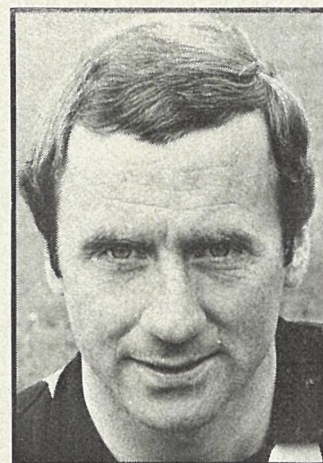
Sunderland fans will hope Wayne soon recovers from the dislocated shoulder he injured in the F.A. Cup Third Round match against Bristol Rovers at Roker.

NEWCASTLE United have been freely tipped as relegation candidates this season after a disastrous opening four months during which they slumped to the bottom of the table. But United's skipper, Tommy Craig, warns the pessimists not to write off his team yet.

And Tommy reckons he has solid grounds for his reasoning that Newcastle can escape the drop — starting with their away win over Leeds in United's first match of the New Year.

"Beating Leeds on their own pitch really did something for us," says the red-haired Scottish international. "It gave us confidence — and after all, that's what the game is all about."

"At Elland Road, we had a



'Beating Leeds away gave Newcastle confidence'—

TOMMY CRAIG

team crippled with injuries. We were forced to blend players who scarcely had time to be introduced to each other, including a 19-year-old goalkeeper, three 19-year-old defenders, and a 21-year-old left-back.

"And at the end of it all, they reckoned if we could beat a Leeds side containing such players as Gordon McQueen, Trevor Cherry and Joe Jordan, then there was hope for us in 1978."

Certainly, in 1977, Newcastle's faithful fans had had everything to be despondent about as their team, which had finished in the top six last season, floundered from game to game in the new term.

With players unsettled, and manager Richard Dinnis sacked, former Wolves' boss Bill McGarry took over in mid-season at St. James' Park — and he is another reason for Craig's belief United can survive in the First Division.

"Our manager knows what he wants, and has his own ideas. And if we can carry them out on the field I think he can swing it for us."

It is on the field Tommy Craig has faced new responsibilities and pressures so far this season. With United captain Geoff Nulty absent for most of the term through injury, and key-men Alan Gowling and Alan Kennedy also out for

long spells, Craig accepted the role of skipper of a disorganised team.

Says Tommy: "Before the Leeds game I'd had four or five poor matches myself, and as Mickey Burns and I were the most experienced players, we had to do plenty of shouting. But I have also told the younger players to shout, and make themselves heard during a game — they can help me, and themselves, by doing this."

Playing behind Craig in the Newcastle side is back-four man John Blackley, bought for £100,000 from Hibernian last autumn, who has proved his worth with United as a sweeper.

"I think John is a class defender," says Tommy. "I would say there is nothing to choose between him and Martin Buchan — and I believe Martin to be a great player. One of the assets of John's play is his ability to get himself out of trouble by using the ball well."

"If our injured men can return to full fitness, and John Blackley has been one of them, and our new players can link up as we hope, we won't be one of the teams heading for the Second Division when May comes along. And there's always the chance Newcastle can continue our great tradition in the F.A. Cup by playing for it at Wembley in May!"



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